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ITALIANS ROUTED IN FIERCEST ABYSSINIAN BATTLE OF CAMPAIGN

ON THE DESSIE ROAD, APR. 24 (REUTER).—AFTER THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE ENTIRE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ROUTED THE ITALIAN FORCES HOLDING THE MOUNTAIN BARRICADES BEFORE DESSIE, 140 MILES NORTH-EAST OF ADDIS ABABA, WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S SCATTERED FORCES ARE MAKING A LAST STAND.

The South Africans have taken many prisoners and have inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy.

Now warplanes of the South African Air Force are swarming like angry bees over the frantically retreating Italians, who are racing back through a mountain pass towards Dessie. Evidently they hope that the road blocks behind them will afford them a respite.

HEAVY TAXATION FOR AMERICANS

"Pay As You Go" System
Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (UP).—The Treasury Department to-day suggested to Congress that it triple non-defence expenditures and raise \$3,600,000,000 in new revenue by drastic surtaxes on all middle lower and middle class incomes, with a general increase in all other taxes.

No Soviet British Accord

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, regretfully informed a questioner in the House of Commons to-day that so far he was unable to report progress in the negotiation of a trade agreement and general settlement with Russia.

He added: "I need hardly say that His Majesty's Government will always be ready, when a favourable occasion offers, to discuss questions of common concern with the Soviet Government with the object of settling all outstanding questions in a manner equally beneficial to both parties."

When a questioner asked whether the status of the Baltic states was one of the causes of the difficulty, Mr. Butler replied non-committally: "I think that subject must be discussed."

Governor General Of Netherlands East Indies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BATAVIA, Apr. 24 (Dome).—Dr A. W. L. Tjarda van Starkenborgh Schachouwer has consented to continue as the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies though his term of office expires in coming September.
Dr Schachouwer was appointed Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies in 1936.

More Australian Troops Arrive in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Imperial Force in Malaya is now complete in every detail with the arrival at the naval base of further considerable reinforcements this afternoon.

The reinforcements are auxiliaries to those troops already here and are as fit and cheerful as the main body of Australians which preceded them in February to safeguard the defence of Malaya in the event of war in the Far East.

They were met by prominent naval, military and air force officers headed by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Major-General Bennett, G.O.C. Australian troops in Malaya, has sent a message of greeting from the

It is not yet clear whether the enemy will now rally his shattered forces for another stand before Dessie.

Retreat Cut Off
The Emperor, Haile Selassie's Abyssinian patriot forces operating with the South African troops have now cut the road to the Red Sea port of Assab and are also preventing the enemy retreat into Danakil. Should they turn to the north along the road to Asmara, the Italians will run up against the British and Imperial forces under General Platt, who are pressing south after their victory at Keren.

The battle before Dessie, which reached its climax yesterday afternoon, was fought near the head of a gorge running like a knife cut into the west wall of the valley. The South Africans found the enemy sitting 6,000 feet up on the mountain heights and grimly pouring a hail of machine-gun bullets and mortar and artillery fire at the attacking force.

Mountain Climbing
Men from Natal climbed the mountains on the right flank to dislodge the Bersaglieri and other Italian units. Later troops from Transvaal on the left flank mopped up Italian artillery and observation posts.

For two hours, the fight raged bitterly. Then the Italians broke and fled. Reinforcements arriving from Dessie found their comrades in headlong flight and promptly joined in the scramble.

Dessie Defences Forced
NAIROBI, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Reporting that British troops have forced the enemy's forward defences in the Dessie sector, an official communique says:

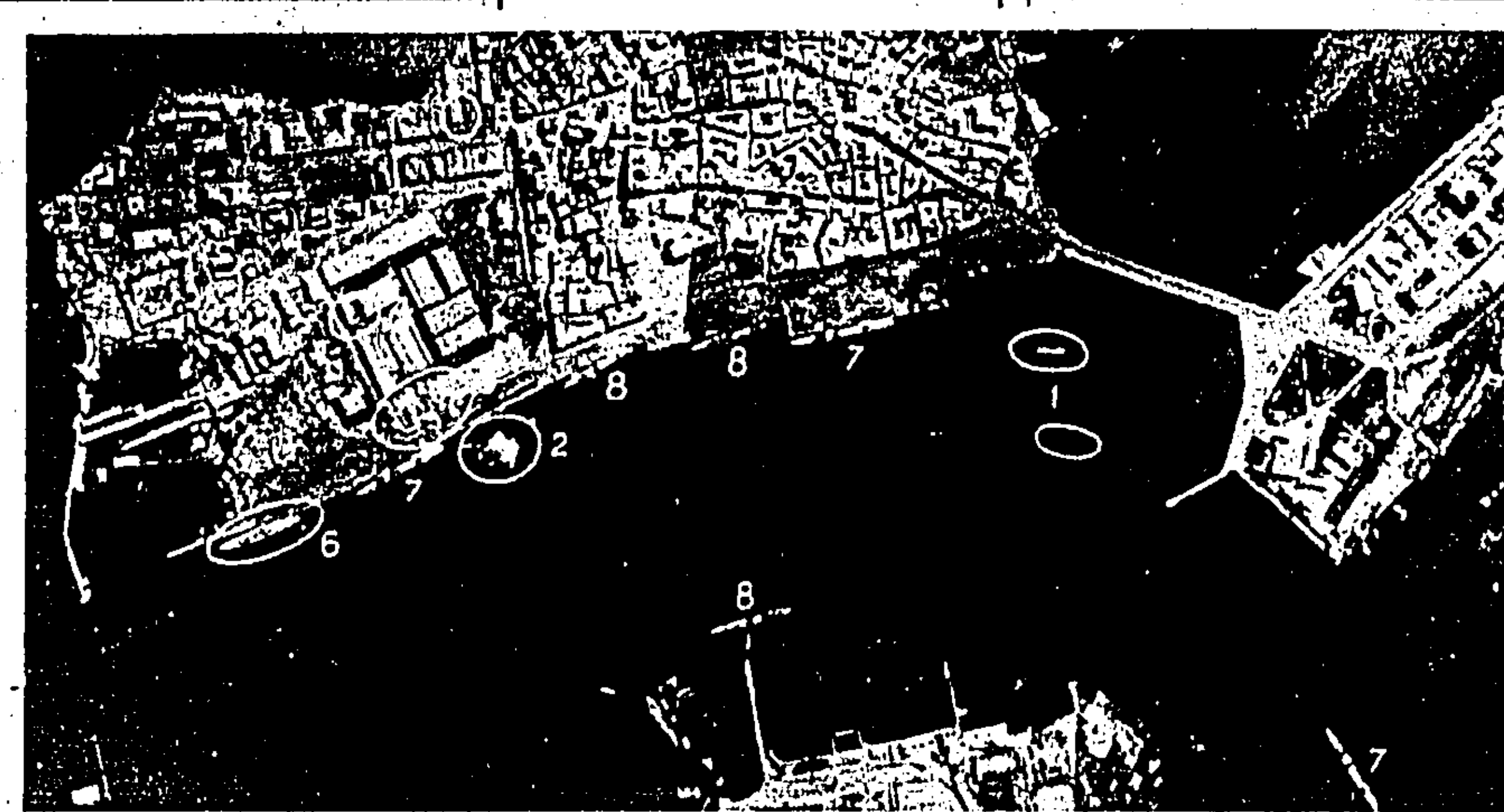
"The latest reports state that the enemy is retreating and as usual is covering his withdrawal with extensive demolitions.
"In the Neghelli sector, the position remains unchanged. Further west, our troops have occupied Maji, the centre of the Merille tribes, who welcomed them."

"The patriot forces are carrying out most useful operations by harassing the rear elements of the enemy and cutting lines of communication."

Cunningham's Warning
LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—General Cunningham has sent a message to TURN to Back Page, Column 3

LATEST

DIRECT HITS
This interesting photograph was taken during a raid by the R.A.F. on Mussawa and gives clear proof of the damage done. (1) bombs falling towards the target (2) direct hit on a ship (3) direct hit on a quayside shed (4) shed badly damaged (5) building completely demolished (6) sloop (7 and 8) destroyers of the Leone and Sauré Class.



Nazi Battleships Damaged By Bombs in Brest Harbour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—According to an Air Ministry communique, a heavy bomber force dropped many heavy bombs on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the Brest docks last night. "Observation was rendered impossible. One large and several small fires were seen, however."

Magyars To Persecute Jews

Official Statement
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Hungary is falling into line with Germany on the Jewish question.

This was indicated by Dr Laslo de Eardossy, the Hungarian Prime Minister, when he announced the Government programme to Parliament to-day, according to an official German news agency despatch from Budapest.

After declaring that the government would follow the policy of his predecessor, Count Teleki, and that "steadfast friendship towards our great friends (Germany and Italy) would be the keynote of their foreign policy," Dr de Eardossy said that the government would strive to expedite the solution of the Jewish problem which could be shelved no longer.

Jews must be prevented forthwith from mixing with the Christian population and holding key positions in the economic life of the nation.

Horthy Meets Hitler
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler to-day at his headquarters received the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, who later returned to Budapest, says the official German news agency.

Bulgars Move Into Thrace

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Bulgarian troops have occupied almost the whole of Thrace between the River Maritza on the Turkish frontier and the River Struma in the west, according to a Sofia dispatch quoted by the official German news agency.

Districts of the first zone of Yugoslav Macedonia are also slated to be in the course of occupation, including the towns of Pilepe and Risen.

Konoye Catches Cold
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Apr. 24 (Dome).—The Premier, Prince Konoye, did not attend the Cabinet meeting this morning of the meetings of the Privy Council—examining the Japanese-Soviet neutrality pact, because of a cold.

It is authoritatively stated that the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are immobilised at Brest. The "Press Association" says that the dry-docked Scharnhorst has her bows so damaged that it is believed she will be out of commission for months. It is understood that the Gneisenau was hit amidships in an earlier raid.

The citation and award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot Officer Graham Robert Ross and Sergeant Keith In Street, disclosed that a direct hit with an extremely heavy bomb from an altitude of 1,000 feet was scored on one battle cruiser during the April raids.

In another instance, an extremely heavy bomb burst either on a battle cruiser or on the docks for which Pilot Officer Robert Wareing has also been cited for the D.F.C.

Rumour Of Huge Nazi Army In N. Africa

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Nazis have moved another motorised division to Tripoli within the last week, according to the military commentator of the newspaper, "P.M." quoting "previously unpublished information."

He estimates that the Germans have now a total of two panzer and four motorised divisions in North Africa with anti-aircraft troops, and puts the strength of the German army in North Africa at between 85,000 and 90,000 men.

PAPAL PRAYERS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Pope in a letter to Cardinal Magliana, the Papal Secretary of State, exhorts the faithful this year to pray to the Holy Mother for the "restoration of peace inspired by justice and charity such as would renew brotherly feelings between nations."

H. M. Submarine Urge Sinks Big Tanker

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that the British submarine Unga, has torpedoed and sunk a heavily laden oil tanker of over 10,000 tons, which was endeavouring to run the blockade.

Commons Demand For More Action In War, Diplomacy & Labour

(By "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent)
LONDON, Apr. 24.—The British Parliament wants an early full-dress debate on the war situation. That was made clear in the House of commons to-day. Three major points are exercising the minds of members of Parliament.

Firstly, did Mr Eden's (our of the Balkans) achieve all that was possible?

Secondly, is fresh blood wanted in the Government?

Thirdly, is production sufficiently keyed up to the tempo of totalitarian war?

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Hore-Belisha, to-day led a demand for an early statement by Mr Eden so that the House could form an opinion on the diplomatic and strategic decisions leading up to the present situation in the Balkans.

This debate will necessarily include the question that is troubling Australia. But the debate will not come until the present Balkan situation has been clarified and statements can be made without detriment to the military situation.

Labour Policy
On production, there is growing doubt about the wisdom of the continued resistance of the Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, to anything that could be called industrial conscription.

There is also an increasing demand in the House for a really small War Cabinet not necessarily selected from the present Cabinet personages, which would have power to have things done in a more clear cut fashion than the case in some Government departments at present.

No drastic change in the present governmental team is ever discussed among Parliamentarians without the name of Mr David Lloyd George coming up and his name is once again being freely mentioned.

Empire Debates
LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A move towards an Empire-wide synchronisation of Parliamentary debates on the war was made in the House of Commons to-day.

When Mr Winston Churchill was announcing the forthcoming Parliamentary programme and left the date for a war debate open, Lord Winterton drew attention to the forthcoming debate in the Australian Parliament and thought that it was most unfortunate if information was given but not a country which was not available in Britain.

The Prime Minister replied that it would be an innovation for us to say that we must necessarily have a debate on the same day as Australia; that it would, in a sense, be an intrusion upon the Dominion's separate independent rights. Nevertheless, there was obvious inconvenience in debates being held piecemeal.

Close Touch
We were in the closest touch with Dominion Governments of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa and an effort would be made, as far as possible, without the slightest prejudice to independent or separate action, to arrange these debates.

In the meantime, Mr Churchill was informed that the Australian Parliament was unlikely to assemble before the first week in May.

Fadden's Statement
SYDNEY, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Despite the Anzacs' heroism and the enemy's heavy losses, there is no TURN to Back Page, Column 3

Another Mighty Battleship For Royal Navy Completed

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 24.—I have just inspected the Prince of Wales, Great Britain's second new super-battleship to be completed since the war began and now added to the Royal Navy.

She is one of the world's most formidable fighting units and has been made virtually unsinkable by sub-divisioning of the interior by watertight bulkheads. Damage can thus be quickly isolated.

Such is the present speed of technical advance in the British Navy that the new ship has several new devices additional to those in the King George V, her sister ship, although only a short time separates their completion dates.

Each of her gun turrets weighs more than many a small warship. Her 16 guns, if fired simultaneously, could deliver 16,000 lbs of shell. The six forward guns alone can fire 9,630 lbs.

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LETTERS

Voluntary War Contribution

The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—With reference to the leader published in your paper on Wednesday as regards the war effort of Tunbridge Wells, I agree with all the remarks made as to the poor effort made by our residents of Hongkong; even when such excellent prizes were donated by various firms the amount reached was still under \$100,000.

I now suggest that by giving up a few of the luxuries which we indulge in for a month \$500,000 for the Bomber Fund could be raised in one week. I suggest each Britisher give 25 per cent. of his salary for the month of May, those with evacuated families to give 25 per cent. of their salary after deducting their families' allowance, and all names of persons contributing to this special effort to be published in the paper.

I put this suggestion forward in the hope that the public of Hongkong will show the rest of the Empire that they are prepared to make a real bid for victory by contributing such a sum as 25 per cent. for one month.

POLICE SERGEANT.

To-night's Revue

"Pure and Simple" Opens At China Fleet Club

The revue "Pure and Simple," sponsored by the H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Section in aid of the Bombed Areas of Britain, opens at the China Fleet Club at 9.15 this evening. Booking is at Moutrie's, and seats are still available at \$3, \$2 and \$1.

To-night and to-morrow night the revue is being staged for the general public, and on Monday a special performance is being given to which men of the Forces have been invited. Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nobbings, and Messrs. Lane, Crawford, have kindly presented very valuable prizes which will be won by holders of lucky programme numbers.

Highlights of the show itself include a very attractive dancing chorus, specialties by Archer and Wood and Deacon and Grenham, and sketches ranging from nursing, ancient and modern, to A.R.P., and from Russia to the Tyrol.

The H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Section hope that a show-for-so-worthy-an object will receive the widest support.

Among those who have booked seats for to-night is the G.O.C. Major-General A. E. Grasett and party.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th to 30th April, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
B. ALVES,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th April, 1941.

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Colony's Labour

In the course of the report by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs on the work of his department during 1939, reference is made to the Colony's labour.

The wave of industrial expansion which was noted in the report for 1938 fully maintained its level during 1939. There were 212 new factories registered as opposed to 93 closures, and the total number of factories on the register at the end of the year was 948.

The approximate number of people employed in registered factories at the end of the year was 57,500 which is a slight increase over the figures for 1938.

In general the cost of living of the poorer classes rose by 20 per cent. during the year; oil by 60 per cent. and rice by 12 per cent.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36—Theme (Andante) and Variations....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Turner Layton (Vocal) at the Piano.

1.11 Hawaiian Selections by The Hawaiian Islanders with Vocal Chorus, The Tahiti Beachcombers, Frank Ferrer's Hawaiian Trio.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Variety with Elsie Carlisle and Robert Ashley.

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 p.m. Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins and Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—O. M. Green's Newsletter.

7.30 Anzac Day Programme—Waiting Matilda (Peterson-Cowan), Waitaki Poi (Hill)...Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra and Chorus; Rustle of Spring, Op. 32, No. 3 (Sinding)...Eileen Joyce (Piano); Hello Mai (Flotsam and Jetsam), Is 'E An Aussie, Lizzie, Is 'E (Flotsam and Jetsam)...Mr Flotsam and Mr Jetsam with Piano.

Short Talk from the Studio by Captain C. De Sallo-Robertson, M.M., Advance Australia and God defend New Zealand.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Studio—"All in Bee"—The Church v. the State.

Composers: Mr D. J. Sloss.

8.40 Classical Requests.—Rosen from the South—Waltz (J. Strauss)...Marek Weber and his Orchestra; Concert Study in D Flat Major (Liszt)...Egon Petri (Piano); Flut-tering Birds (Gennin)...Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra; La Cathedrale Engloutie, Prelude No. 10 (Debussy)...Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—"Questions of the Hour."

9.30 Classical Requests continued.—Sylvan Scenes Suite (Fletcher)...In Beauty's Bower, Sylvia Dances, The Pool of Narcissus, Cupid's Carnival...London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood; Waltz in A Flat Major (Brahms)...Isolde Menges (Violin) with Piano; Double Concerto in D Minor (Bach)...1st Mov: Vivace, 2nd Mov: Largo ma non tanto, 3rd Mov: Allegro...Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Georges Enesco (Violin) with Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—"Correspondence Column" by Sidney Hornblow.

10.15 Schubert Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Erna Berger (Soprano) with String Quartet.

10.27 Schubert—Trío in B Major for Piano, Violin and Cello—1st Mov: Allegro Moderato, 2nd Mov: Andante un poco mosso, 3rd Mov: Scherzo, 4th Mov: Rondo...Cortot, Thibaud and Casals.

11.00 Close Down.

FEMALE FIGURES

Safeguarding Wards And Mui-tsai

The report of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs for 1939, which was laid on the table at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, deals largely with work for the protection of women and children in Hongkong.

Three additional lady inspectors were appointed and commenced their duties in August, 1939. Another lady inspector was engaged at the beginning of December, 1939, to cover the work of inspecting women and children emigrants. This post was previously held by a Chinese male officer whose services have since been terminated. Another lady inspector is also employed on interpretation and clerical work with the European Assistant. The remaining seven paid a total of 163 visits to registered mui-tsai and to ex-mui-tsai who have obtained employment as domestic servants.

The inspectors also paid a total of 4,873 visits to registered wards under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance 1938, interrogated girls suspected to be mui-tsai or unregistered wards attended at Police Court, and at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs on special duty. In addition they regularly visited a large number of adopted boys voluntarily registered in the office of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

At the beginning of the year 1939 the number of registered mui-tsai was 1,102, but by the end of December they had been reduced to 299. The 803 cancellations are accounted for as follows:—Married 19, restored to parents or relatives 8, left Colony voluntarily 1, earning their own living 45, removed from the register 708, remaining as member of family 22.

The 708 stated above to have been removed from the register are all girls whose whereabouts are unknown and who have probably left the Colony, been married or restored to relatives. All these girls are over 18 years of age. The names of the twenty-two girls remaining with their employers as members of the family have been entered in the Register of Adopted Daughters and Wards.

Court Cases

Eighty persons were prosecuted under the Female Domestic Service Ordinance and the Offences Against the Person Ordinance in respect of seventy-nine girls. In all 109 charges under these and other enactments were preferred.

The number of registered wards remaining in the Colony on December 31, 1939, was 2,777.

A total of 105 cases, with 123 charges, were brought under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance and the Offences Against the Person Ordinance (including fifteen charges of ill-treatment and assault), involving 107 defendants and 107 girls.

The number of cases of importation and possession of unregistered wards, states the report, is increasing owing to the flow of refugees coming to the Colony to avoid hostilities in China. Of the total of 107 girls involved in the prosecutions, fifty-seven were transferred to the register of adopted daughters and wards under the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance; thirty-seven were sent to the Colony for training arrangements for their disposal; ten were restored to parents and relatives; two were married and one obtained employment.

The Po Leung Kuk

The number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk on January 1, 1939, was 106, and during the year 787 persons were admitted as against 650 in 1938.

There were 787 women, girls and children admitted without warrant. Thirty-four were lost children. Seventeen were accompanied by parents or guardians, and twenty-nine were mui-tsai who had left their employers and thirty-seven wards who had left their custodians.

On leaving the Kuk, 107 persons were restored to husbands or other relatives; 120 were sent to charitable institutions in China or employed as domestic servants; thirty-one were given in adoption; one was married; 205 were released after inquiries; twenty-two were released under bond, and 182 were sent to a school, convint, refuge or refugee camp in the Colony. The number of inmates remaining in the Kuk on December 31, 1939, was 223, which is more than that of previous years.

The number of boys reported missing in the Po Leung Kuk during the year was two, and the number of girls missing was one.

Eighteen girls were put under bond, and ten were released from their bonds; the total number of girls under bond at the end of December was fifty-four.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-China (Pref.) \$80
Hotels \$2.30
Macao Electricities X.D. \$17
Entertainments \$8.25

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,340
Realities \$2.00
Trams \$16.20
Electricities "O" X. Rts \$28
Electricities Rts \$14.50

Sales

Wharves \$85.50
Trams \$10
Lights Rts 40 cts.



SAVE ME, SISTER!—The men in the army, so the women become life guards at Bondi Beach, Victoria, Australia. Members of the Chelsea Life Saving Club are shown as they competed in recent water carnival.

Po Leung Kuk

Mr Joseph Gives Sum for New Wing

A gift of \$50,000 by Mr J. E. Joseph, the well-known philanthropist and landowner of Hongkong, has made possible the construction of a new wing as an extension to the Po Leung Kuk, in Leighton Hill Road, work on which has already commenced.

The extension will cover an area of over 110,000 square feet, and will be used exclusively for the housing of young children. Incorporated in the plans of the building, which is a two-story structure, will be numerous recommendations by the Director of Medical Services, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke.

Mr Joseph has been a benefactor of the Po Leung Kuk for a long time, and his latest gift of \$50,000 brings his total donations to the institution to over \$80,000, as the sum of \$30,000 was given by Mr Joseph towards the building fund of the Leighton Hill premises.

There has been a large increase in the number of inmates of the Po Leung Kuk during the last two years, and at present the daily average is between 200 and 250. The building was originally intended to accommodate between 150 and 200 at the most, and to-day, owing to the overcrowded conditions, many girls have had to be sent to the Refugee Camps.

Comdr Hole Retires

It is understood that Comdr. George Francis Hole, R.N. (Retired), Harbour Master and Director of Air Services, who is now in Australia on leave, will not be returning to the Colony, for reasons of health. He retires on pension.

In the Colony of Hongkong, including the Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, during the week ended on Saturday, there were altogether 86 traffic accidents as the result of which nine persons were killed and 25 persons were injured.

Intruded On Queen

Army Deserter Walks Into Private Apartments

London, Feb. 24.

An astonishing incident in which the Queen suddenly found herself confronted by a complete stranger in her private apartments can be described now for the first time. It provides a remarkable example of Queen Elizabeth's cool-headedness and personal courage.

The stranger, a young Army deserter, was labouring under a grievance, and wanted to place his story before the King or the Queen in person. The man had obtained casual employment as an electrician and it was on the strength of this that he was able to make his way to the Royal apartments. The man told his story frankly enough, and the Queen listened calmly for more than ten minutes, though she could have summoned aid to her side at any second. Then she promised the man to have his case examined.

Steps are being taken to stop the repetition of the incident. The man was detained by the Police when he left the building.—Our Own Correspondent.

Proficiency Awards

The following members of the Auxiliary Nursing Service have now completed their 96 hours hospital training in the wards and gained their proficiency certificates:

Daisy Turner, Dorothy Ascough, Marjorie Grindley, Christine Corra, Leopoldine Corra, Marjorie Fordham, Kathleen Rossett, Maud Dover, Doris Leonard, Sister St. Patrick, Vera Gavriloff, Florence Lammer, Frances Webber, Myra Ternel, Dorothy Wilson, Yan Seng-wah, Mrs Lexkovich.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 10th April Apr. 26.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 26th April May 3.

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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—Rangoon to continue with the "British Overseas Airways".

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Reg. Apr. 25, 4 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 26

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services".

K.P.O. and G.P.O.

Reg. Apr. 26, 5 p.m.
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The Board of Administration of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hongkong and South China Branch, has recently made the following grants:

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District Watchmen

The report on the District Watch Force for 1939 states that the Force was maintained at its full authorised strength, 6 Hong Kong District Watchmen, 8 Assistant Head District Watchmen, 26 detectives, and 103 uniformed men. It has, as in previous years, specialised in matters affecting the Chinese community, and the work during the year has been satisfactory. A total of 1,228 successful prosecutions was brought by the District Watch Force.

GOING ON LEAVE

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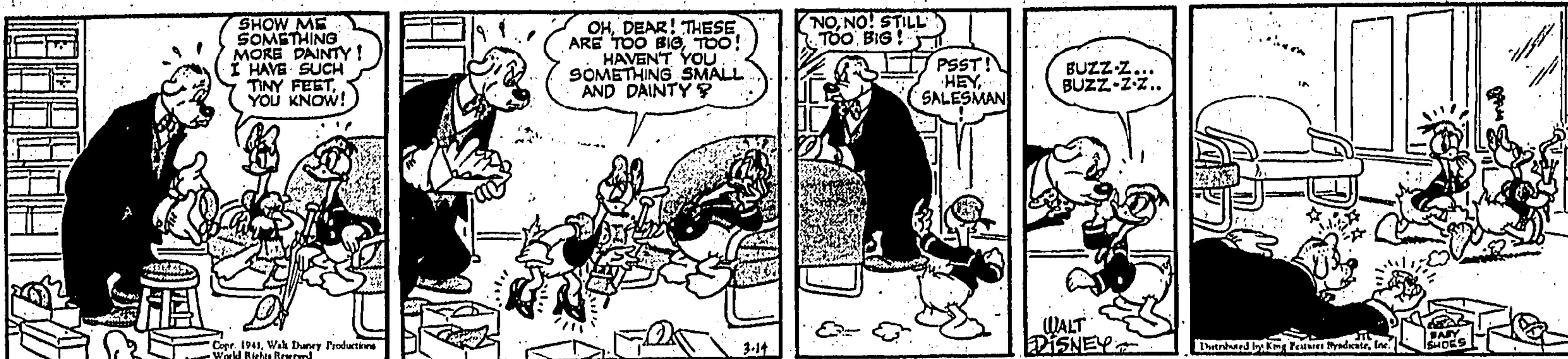
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ACROSS

- Memoranda pouches
- Expiate
- Hide in hand
- Cultivated plants
- Unit of length
- Two-dimensional space
- Utter loud cry
- Butly
- Yay
- Attack
- Having made will
- Little (French)
- Kilometers (abbr.)
- Nervous pain
- Explosion of camera
- Resch of alight
- Boften in temper
- To the past
- Golfers' assistants
- Use ours
- Having minute perforations
- Just as
- Kind of cotton gauze
- Unfinished writer
- Thorn in servile
- National Society of Naturalists (abbr.)
- Variety of waxy
- Provided with tuft
- Enroll on jury list
- Capital in Italy
- Wrinkles
- Have indignation
- Tranquil entrance
- Exit natural sound

DOWN

- Man's name
- Dared
- Philippine aborigine
- Of a hundred
- Perennial woody
- Favoring one side
- Perilous to open spaces
- Slowly (musical)
- Yay
- One of Shoshonean tribes
- Coastal regions
- Willful destroyers
- Former Prussian edict
- Color of grass
- Polishing device
- Individuality
- Adopt
- Before
- French negative answer
- Couple
- Condemned to perdition
- Iranian
- Balance
- Papal representative
- Flat
- Coarse object
- Wear away
- Annual penalty of administrator, extreme
- Adopt
- Blind
- Having lived longer
- Shore line
- Twisting of fragment
- Explosive weapon



Scene after a raid on a Midland town: youngsters salvaging what they can of their belongings from their wrecked home. Note the smiles of courage.

They Came to Manchester

By Stuart B. Jackman

DO YOU REMEMBER MANCHESTER? The rain, the soot, the business men with their bowler hats and their neatly rolled umbrellas, and the trams? Do you remember those narrow little alley-ways, paved with rough cobles and perpetually running with muddy water, which were so proudly and so mistakenly called streets? And the heavy wagons with great wooden wheels and thick curved shafts, and the patient might of the huge shire horses that pulled them so willingly and so tirelessly through the endless maze of smoke-stained buildings round Shudehill? Do you remember the grim majesty of the office blocks and the ponderous activity of the Cathedral and the darker gleam of the river?

Remember Manchester? Of course you do. Dear, dirty old Manchester, sitting stolidly in its smoke and its rain, with an expression of grim determination and a heart as warm as the taprooms of the little taverns which nestle down together in the Shambles. Manchester, the curse of the Ministry of Health, the despair of the architect, the salvation of the umbrella trade.

Those Umbrellas!

Every self-respecting Manchester man carries an umbrella. In the Midlands and the South an umbrella is a cumbersome necessity, something to be carried furtively under the arm and deposited with joy at the merest suspicion of sunshine. In Yorkshire it is a luxury, in Oxford an affection, in Edinburgh an impossibility. Not so in Manchester.

The Manchester man carries his umbrella with the pride and the courtliness of a dandy. When he has just sold his quota of cotton he goes marching down Piccadilly with the air of a drum major, swinging his umbrella and whistling. When he is in a tight corner he stands at his bus stop with his plant firmly between his feet and his hands crossed decisively over the handle. One can almost see the words "They shall not pass" picked out on the building behind him.

But when it is raining the umbrella really reaches its finest hour, or rather day, for Manchester rain is notoriously persistent. The streets become a black, shining mass of umbrellas, and your business man hurries through the struggling crowd on his way to the bus with incredible speed and agility.

The Londoner in a crowd with an open umbrella is like a parachutist who lands in the sea; the

Manchester man is a second Blon-din.

Hold on to your memories, then, if you treasure the Manchester that was. Hold fast to the old sights and the old ways, the smoke and the rain and the strong tide of commercial life. On the night of Sunday, December 22, 1940, "they" came to Manchester.

When they came to Manchester it was dark and very still. The city was sleeping, somewhat fitfully, in the peace of the early evening. In the churches the benedictions had been pronounced and the people sent on their way.

A City On Fire

The drone was very distant and very quiet, but menacing. The watchers got ready and waited in a tense silence. Looking down from their roof-tops, they could see the dim outlines of the Cathedral, the hotels, the great stations, and on up the quiet lengths of Deansgate and Market Street, where the shops lay shrouded in dust-sheets and the little taverns dreamed their dreams in dark pools of shadow. This was the Manchester we knew. This was our city, and we loved it.

The first crash brought the city to its feet with a start, only to fall back again blinded by the glare of fire and deafened by the roar of guns. Flying high against the hard stars, they looked down and saw Manchester choking and sprawling in the smoke and furiously fighting back the terror of the fires. They looked and saw the river gleaming dully in the glare, and, swooping down, they dropped their cargo of destruction into the heart of the blaze. They looked and saw the Cathedral standing on the river bank, and racing towards it they saw nothing but smoke and the fierce hunger of the fire.

Everywhere Destruction!

Manchester was a city of flame and thunder. The great fires burnt like torches and the old places went roaring up to the sky in a torrent of heat and smoke. Steel and brick, stone and timber crashed down to the very foundations of the city. The streets were like rivers of the fire, the buildings were lighter than they had been for months. A great light came over the city and a fed hand in hand with Death trod through the little alley-ways and by-ways, up stone staircases and over black-slatted roofs, into church and theatre alike, into hotels and warehouses, into shops and into homes.

And everywhere was a great noise such as Manchester had never heard before. And every-

where were pain and misery and wanton destruction.

All day Monday the city licked its wounds and fought its fires. All day the people stood on the outer rim of the city and stared with grey eyes at the horror of the day, at the scorched walls and at the broken windows, at the broken masonry and blasted brick-work. And with the night again they came.

The Changes

Manchester is slowly getting on to its bruised and battered feet again. But there are a lot of changes. There is much of Manchester that will never be the same, that has been destroyed for all time, that will never be resurrected. Perhaps it is as well, for it really was a terribly inconvenient city and out of date in its planning. But we, the people of Manchester, can get sentimental over a few hundred smoke-blackened bricks and a score or so of very dirty windows. We are a hard-headed lot in the main. Thank God for that now! But our hearts are as warm as the next man's, and we loved the grim ugliness which was our city.

Against the sky rise the gaunt walls and broken gables of the city's oldest firms. In the hollow by the river the broken Cathedral raises black Gothic arms to heaven in a gesture of mute suffering. Some of the streets have been cleared and reopened, and down these flows the busy life of the city, going grimly on its way, joking and mending, assessing and condemning, but round the corner is a dead street, with piles of rubble and crumbling walls, where gaping hole calls mutely to gaping hole and the water from the hoses drips in desolation down the shattered front of the Royal Exchange.

New Hopes

But the trams are still running and the Manchester folk are still there. Umbrellas are out and standing stoutly up to rough usage. Business men are hopping about among the rubble, poking with their ferrules and tapping inquisitively with their handles. Nobody seems to be swinging them, though. Still, here is the essence of Manchester, the trams and the pale, determined men and the corner where the clock many things. It is only when the pall lifts and the sun slips through that it becomes terribly obvious that one can see the sky through roofs that are no more and daylight through the walls that were once so dark.

And so they came to Manchester and robbed us and left us. Left us our Manchester courage and our Manchester doggedness, left us our umbrella and our smoke and soot. Left us, Manchester people, a little paler, perhaps a little more determined, but still essentially the same. To-day we go into the city with our new problems and our new hopes; to-night we will come home on our usual tram, with our umbrella neatly folded, our paper, and our cheery chatter with the conductor. We still have these things. We are still Manchester.—From the "Manchester Guardian."

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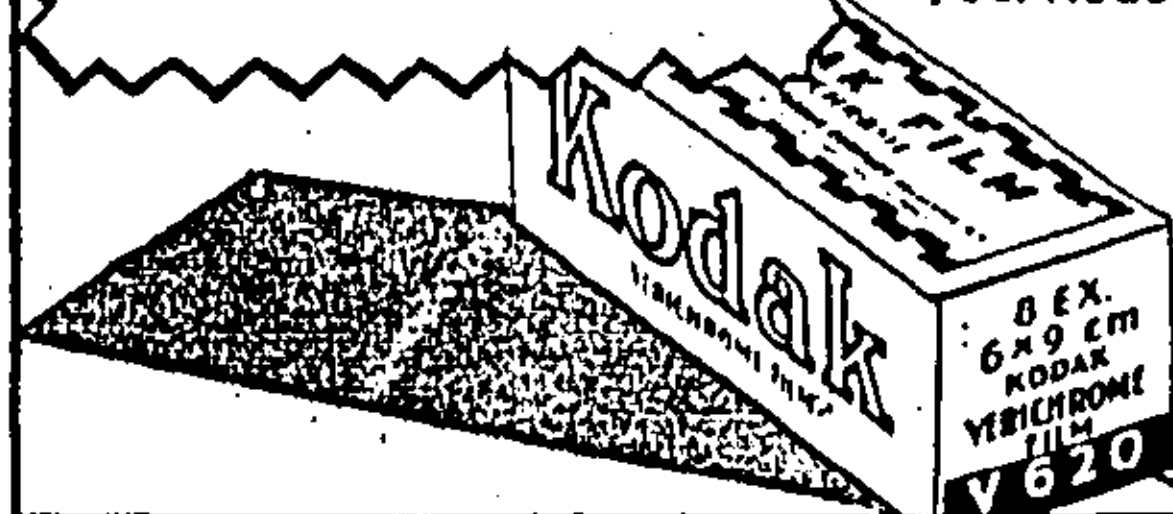
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WORTHY OF SUPPORT

A correspondent to-day puts forward a suggestion for raising a quick and substantial contribution towards the Bomber Fund. His idea—the voluntary donating of 25 per cent. of one month's salary by Britons—is not novel; it has been employed by Hollanders in the N.E.I. Its chief merits are that it constitutes a spontaneous and generous gesture, and if adopted by 100 per cent. of Britons in Hongkong, will net a considerable sum of money, certainly many lakhs.

One possible complaint will be that again the same people, who in the past have given as generously as they felt capable, will be asked to put their hands deep into their pockets, while many others, who have ignored their obligations, will continue to do so. To a certain extent this is true, but it is reasonable to hope that a lead such as this will encourage the less public spirited members of the community to come forward and do their share.

To expect a man to contribute at one time 25 per cent. of his month's salary may sound rather forbidding. But the correspondent mooted this scheme has wisely suggested the qualification that where a man has family remittances to make, these should first be deducted and the 25 per cent. contribution made from the residue. In this way a man will be making a personal sacrifice for one month, but not at the expense of his dependents. For those who put the proposal into effect, it will mean sacrificing some pleasures and luxuries for a month, or possibly longer, but this is the sort of giving which has become part and parcel of people's lives in England to-day, and they fulfil their obligations not only willingly, but joyfully, treating it as a privilege to accomplish something vital for a great cause.

Our correspondent has advanced a constructive suggestion, and every thing possible should be done to bring it within the bounds of practicability for everyone. Thus, if a person felt he could not afford to part with 25 per cent. of a month's salary at one time, he could, through a "promise to pay", make his contribution in two instalments. Business houses could encourage their staffs by offering to assume the responsibility of collecting; donations could be deducted from salary cheques, in one or more instalments,

HE has to plan VICTORY

High altitudes are cold. This is as true of high offices of State as it is of mountain tops. The man at the head of a fighting service has reached the military summit and finds himself alone. There is room only for one on this pointed peak. Others, until recently his companions in the ascent, are now left some distance below, and they still enjoy the warmth and protection afforded by a crowd. He has no shelter from the cold winds of criticism: the voices of his advisers come up to him fitfully from the lower slopes, and sometimes reach him in the confused roar of contrary opinions. He alone must make the decisions on which military plans will be based and on which thousands of lives will depend.

If his decisions are sound, and the results successful, those who proffered advice can share in the warmth of popular approval. If to failure ensues, the man on the height must meet alone the icy blasts of disapproval, while his advisers on the lower slopes are sheltered by the contours of the hill.

Lonely Eminence

The position occupied by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the War Office is as cold and lonely as any position in the State. The time in his chilly chair, since history has been written, has in times of peace always been a Cinderella, even



A Study of General Sir John Dill Chief of the Imperial General Staff

— By —

Lt-Gen. Sir Douglas Brownrigg

when there was only one sister service. With the arrival of a second sister the position became more difficult.

But when war comes the British public forgets past parsimonies, and is apt to expect a large and efficient army to take the field as quickly as the Fleet can take the sea. The man who is Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the outbreak of war knows that he is about to shoulder a burden which his muscles are unfit to support. When at the age of thirty-seven Lord Kitchener became Secretary of State for War, and the immensity of his reputation as a soldier afforded a protective covering for the C.I.G.S. But there was no such protection for Sir Edmund Ironside (now Baron Ironside) when he sat for the first time in his chilly chair on the day this war was declared, and Lord Gort times of peace always gladly vacated it to be a Commander-in-Chief.

In Palestine

From there he was moved to the key post on the General Staff at the War Office as Director of Military Operations and Intelligence,

where he was brought into the closest touch with problems affecting possible operations in every country in the world. On promotion to lieutenant-general he vacated this important post, but before he had time for more than a few weeks' rest he was hurriedly sent to Palestine in command of the two divisions quickly made available there. This country was thus being denuded of the troops most ready for war.

In Palestine he obtained at first hand an insight into Middle East conditions. He was then appointed to the Aldershot Command, the most important executive command in the Army at home. All seemed set fair for the highest post in due

course, when in 1937 a new Secretary of State for War arrived at the War Office with new ideas. The upper age limit for high command was drastically reduced, and one younger and junior to himself was chosen to be C.I.G.S.

Fate Intervenes

Sir John Dill seemed now to be shut out from the position for which the whole career had been a preparation. On the outbreak of war he went to France in command of the Second Corps. Fate then gave a twist to the wheel, and he found himself where he might well have been months before, but in very altered circumstances.

By a great effort of work and will he seems to have overcome the disadvantages he inherited in that position. His whole training has taught him to look ahead and not be led astray by any form of opportunism. As an example of long-distance planning we may recall the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons when he told us that the tanks and guns for General Wavell's December battles left this country in July and August for Egypt, travelling via the Cape. That far-seeing act could only have been the result of General Dill's decision that the risk should be taken. He was right, but what if he had been wrong?

Seeing Ahead

As another example of seeing ahead, I mention an incident which occurred in France. Early in September, 1939, I was talking to General Dill at the Bourse de Commerce at Le Mans, which housed a portion of G.H.Q. during the period of concentration in the forward area. Indulging in the wishful thinking that was so popular in the early days of the war, I was speculating on the difficulties confronting Hitler, still engaged in Poland and with the winter ahead of him—difficulties, I mean, in staging an attack against France.

Sir John Dill's reply was simple: "It is only a question of whether Hitler launches a full-scale attack with one hundred divisions this autumn or waits till the spring to do it with two hundred." And it was so!

Successful generals in the field get the glory which is their just due, and the troops have the joy of achievement, but few give a thought to the soldier at the War Office who neither seeks nor expects recognition for his share in the victories. But it is first and foremost General Sir John Dill who in seven months has raised the Army at home from a state of comparative nakedness and doubt to one of readiness and confidence, and has had the courage to take great risks in supplying the Army overseas with the sinews of victory.

—TURKEY NEXT?—

A few months before the outbreak of war I spent a short time in Turkey, and it was then that I first understood why Germany, if she ever bullied her way through the Balkans, would receive a rude shock when she tried conclusions with the Turks.

I recall a long and interesting conversation with the editor of a leading newspaper in Ankara. "Would you," I said, "compare Kemal Ataturk with Mussolini or Hitler?"

He looked rather shocked, and I realised too late that there are blunders which are worse than crimes.

"The Ghazi", he said, "is in a different category. He was our leader, not because he wasted our energies, but because he proved his personal courage and generalship in the field. We trusted him, and he always proved worthy of a nation's confidence."

I visited the new institutions of the new capital, the Agricultural College, the School of Art, the factories, and I was not sur-

prised to meet German experts as technicians and professors. Some made no secret of Nazi sympathies; some were ostensibly refugees. Just previously, at an international conference, I had met an intelligent young Brazilian from Rio Grande do

Sul, whose father I had known. As he spoke to me of the "innocent activities" of certain German teachers and merchants in Brazil, he betrayed an anxious uneasiness. I could not help wondering if another "protective occupation" was being then prepared in Turkey. It seemed a far cry from Porto Alegre to Anatolia, but Nazism is the same, east and west, and Turkey lying on the main road to both to Egypt and to the oil-

fields is a useful country to "protect". And the cunning of it all was clear. Wherever some brave general, some architect of national achievement, some shrewd and far-sighted statesman had won new wealth for his country, let someone else discover the mine, Nazism will collect the gold. Mussolini is finding it to his cost. But a man so fascinated by the glorious Ro-

man past ought to remember the words of Tiberius Gracchus, 21 centuries ago:

"It is for the sake of other men's wealth and luxury that Italians go to the wars and give their lives. They are called Lords of the World, and they have not a single clod of earth to call their own."

And now Turkey is to be the next victim. "Let the Ghazi, and his successors, create a new Turkey, and, I, Hitler, will flatter him for it—and take it."

Mussolini once informed: the world that he was not a collector of deserts. Your real robber-tyrant isn't. He is a collector of other people's countries, provinces, or provinces, and wondering if another "protective occupation" was being then prepared in Turkey. It seemed a far cry from Porto Alegre to Anatolia, but Nazism is the same, east and west, and Turkey lying on the main road to both to Egypt and to the oil-

fields is a useful country to does not see why her 20 years' achievements in new schools, new factories, and renovated ports, should be written off as so much slave-labour for German. When she realised what was in the wind, she began to show her suspicions of the Nazism's covetous eyes found it stifling her back and looking her in the face. Her at the gold. Mussolini is finding it to his cost. But a man so fascinated by the glorious Ro-

By John Daly

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Altered Conditions For St George's Plate

Now Confined To "B" Class China Ponies And Stake Money Doubled

THERE WAS NO CELEBRATION of a St George's dance this year on account of the war, but the St George's Plate (a handicap for China ponies) is the principal event of the Fourth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow, first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.

In The Interest Of Owners

In view of the poor entries received last year (only seven nominations) from China pony griffins for the above classic event, the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have decided after due consideration to confine the St George's Plate to China pony "B" class raters, and have thus taken another step forward in the interest of owners.

The first prize stake money has been doubled from \$750 to \$1,500, with the addition of a silver trophy presented by the St George's Society.

The change has drawn no less than 10 of the best "B" class China ponies and we are assured not only a good field but a big fight for "John Bull's Plate" over a distance of 1 1/4 miles.

There are, in addition, nine other interesting contests, and racing will be up to the usual standard. The fields will in all probability be up to full strength as entries have been on a generous scale.

The presence of His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote coupled with others wearing dark blue and khaki uniforms will no doubt add colour to the Meeting.

Opening Event

THE Taimoshan Handicap will be the opening event for "D" class China ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in.

It will be remembered that at the Easter session this class of racers was divided into two sections with novices in the saddle, but the merging of the two into one division to be ridden by experienced jockeys makes it hard to spot the winner.

After his fine show in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (first section) Blue Field heads the list of handicaps, and the issue at stake is whether he can give 9 lb. to Strathbannock, who was unlucky to be nosed-out by Celtic Star for third position in the frame.

The answer to this question is simple. Perusing the form book I found that Strathbannock has had a few successes with Mr Black in the saddle, and should the champion

THE DAILY DOUBLE

Broken Hill H'cap (First Section)

Open Contest For "B" Class Australians

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) for Australian "B" class ponies, and the run is over one and a quarter miles. I think the contest is very open.

However, Starlight put up a poor show in the Calliope Handicap (first section), but Cere's candidate has been let in with a reduction of 7 lb. and he may atone for his failure.

How good A Happy Time (winner) will be against Starlight to-morrow, is a matter for speculation. The Nineteenth Hole started three times with a win, but her public performances do not tell us very much. The mare by Pentheus is related to Never-Never who annexed the Warrago Plate over two miles, and this alone is sufficient indication that Golf's griffin can last the distance.

She is worth following and so is Coloma who ran second to Starlight in the Stewards' Cup.

Charters Towers Stakes

Mountain View Should Win

MY BEST THREE for the Charters Towers Stakes over the mile are Mountain View with Iron-Belle and Nomine Poenae in the rear ranks.

Miss Chulfont has not as yet been out, and she is looking much better and the mare is a nice animal, but I don't think she is ready.

St Kilda Stakes (First Section)

Sprint For The Koala Bear

I HAD ALWAYS thought that The Koala Bear was more of a sprinter than a miler, and I am glad to see that the bay of Messrs Tester and Abraham will have a go at the St Kilda Stakes (first section) over six furlongs. This race is the second leg of the daily double event, and my fancy is The Koala Bear with Newborn Star and Bendigo to follow behind.

Koala Stakes (Second Section)

Opposition For Tien Tien From Three Sources

IT WOULD BE IDLE to pretend that Tien Tien will not have much opposition in the Koala Stakes (second section) for non-winning 1941 Australian subscription ponies over 1 1/4 miles, because the mare finished a good fourth in a field of 13 runners in the Coolgardie Stakes (first section) at the Easter.

Though I admit that the mare has a golden opportunity of claiming first prize, we must not overlook the chances of Crack Short, Double Dutch and Look See.

Last Saturday, Crack Shot was given a mile spin and the mare came out of the test with flying colours. She covered the circuit in 2.02 1/2 romping home in 29 1/2 seconds for the last quarter.

An Unknown
We know hardly anything about Double Dutch save that he had one official outing at the Easter meeting. The bay by Triple Seal was sent over the champion course last Saturday in 2.37 for 1 1/4 miles, but the pilot on board was erratic in his judgment of pace with the result

St George's Plate

Changes Made Necessary By Previous Experiences

Weights Favour Johnber

SINCE THE INCEPTION of St George's Plate in 1931, the race has always been the first classic handicap for China pony griffins of the current season after the annual meeting, but in 1938 a ban was placed on those griffins classified "A" class.

One must admit that the events confined to China griffins of this season at the Annual Carnival did not provide many exciting finishes nor was there "a big turnover" in the pari-mutuel departments.

It is interesting to recall that prior to altering the St Andrew's Stakes from an open event to a handicap contest, the classic could not induce punters to gamble.

The last open race was in 1934 when Liberty Bay (Proulx) annexed the St Andrew's Stakes in easy fashion and the bay was staked to win with 456 tickets out of a total of 520 chances. Last Autumn the turnover in the Scotch event amounted to 6,895 tickets for a win.

However, it was only a matter of modifying the conditions but I am sure that the alteration will provide a good event.

Well Representative

INTERNATIONAL rivalry for the St George's Plate over the champion course is well represented, non-Chinese owners having the same number of nominations, but Mr Bradbury heads the list with a string of three worthy contenders.

Hockey

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNNEY

Alteration To Rules

The Hongkong Hockey Association will hold a six-a-side Tournament on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park. The tournament has attracted 20 teams, the draw resulting:

First Round
At Recreo.—Normans v. 5th A.A. Regt. A; Engineers A v. Y.M.C.A. B. At C.B.A.—C.B.A. B v. Engineers B. At Y.M.C.A.—Signals A v. Khalsa B; Signals B v. Khalsa A; C.B.A. C v. 5th A.A. Regt. B.

The games will not be decided by the position of the ball when the final whistle blows, but if there is no score or the scores are equal, the game shall be continued until another goal is scored or until one of the sides has forced either a long or short corner.

It looks that Johnber is the best, and I fancy the bay will duplicate the owner's success of last year.

Probable Starters

FOLLOWING is a list of probable starters and jockeys:
Avon C. L. Gregory
Chamberlain B. Proulx
Eve of Grandeur H. C. Pih
Eve of Reason Ip Kuei-yung
Galaxy P. Y. T. Wei
Gay Star P. P. Botelho
Hillsboro Bay S. L. Yuen
Hugher G. Trevelton
Johnber L. B. Chao
Sam's Choice H. J. Hearne
So Nice S. W. Tang
Wonderful Scheme D. H. S. Craven
Wild Fair View H. C. Pih
The running of "B" class China ponies at the Easter holidays was in two sections, but those in the lower division ran faster than the senior gee-gees and the difference of times was six three-fifths seconds. We leave at that.

In the estimation of many, Johnber should have won the first section of the Hongnam Bay Handicap from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey (Chao) could not find an opening in the home stretch and the delay of final burst of speed gave the race to Avon (Black) by a short head.

A head behind came Sam's Choice (Hearne) who certainly put up a fine performance.

Comparison of Weights

A CLOSE study of the weights of those who ran in the above event, and what they are set to carry in the St George's Plate will no doubt prove interesting:

Hongnam Bay (1st Section)	St George's Plate	Difference
Avon (1st)	122lb.	+10lb.
Johnber (2nd)	140	+10
Sam's Choice (3rd)	140	+10
Eve of Grandeur (4th)	132	+11
Chamberlain	122	+11
Hillsboro Bay	122	+11

It will be seen from the above that for a beating of a short head, the winner, Avon, has been asked to concede 3 lb. to Johnber, and this is stiff.

I have not made a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the second section, but Galaxy (winner of the second section) should be the most dangerous contender provided, of course, there was no mistake made in timing the race.

When Galaxy annexed the St Andrew's Stakes at the fall, he was in receipt of 22 lb. from the third pony (Johnber), but the winner did not win by the length of Wong Nei-chong Road.

To-morrow Galaxy has a pull of a pound short of a stone, but Johnber is coming back to his old form. Eve of Grandeur has the best handi-

P.H. Wong In Badminton Singles Final

M.P. Yoong Folds Up In Second Game

Gallant Resistance By M.A. Oliveira in Mixed Doubles

(By "Tinker")

PATRICK WONG entered the final of the Badminton Singles Championship at the Kowloon C.C. last night, when he beat M. P. Yoong in two straight games, and will now defend his title against K. W. Choy. But of the semi-final matches on last night's programme, outstanding was that of the Mixed Doubles in which M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva were bowed out by P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo.

Oliveira was in great form, and offered the utmost resistance to the end. His great-hearted play throughout gained the repeated applause of the large crowd.

Results in brief were:

SENIOR SINGLES

P. H. Wong beat M. P. Yoong 17-16, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat T. S. Young and K. Fung 15-12, 15-8.

YOONG's collapse in the second game was surprising in view of his great recovery in the first when he drew up from 2-10 to 14-11. He simply caved in and offered the slightest of resistance, and it was in great contrast to the previous display by M. A. Oliveira. This was most apparent when Wong had established a 10-0 lead.

Wong, in comparison, never had his tail down. Not even when, after the game had been settled at 3, Yoong had taken a 2-0 lead. He fully deserved the first game, and no matter how well Yoong had played in the second game, I very much doubt if he could have beaten Wong. The champion's best shot of the evening was his short drop from the baseline, and though Yoong at times produced shots of greater brilliance—especially during his climb to 14-11—he had not the same steadiness.

To get to 14-11 Yoong was more or less presented with four points, when Wong seemed to lose temporary control over his delicate shots, and hit four outside. But for the loser, it must be said, that some of his recovery shots from the baseline were copy-book style.

There was nothing in the second game. Wong went into a deserved 10-0 lead though at 8-0 Yoong was beginning to fold up. Thereafter, Yoong served and hit in a most lackadaisical manner, evidently anxious just to get the match over.

Oliveira's Great Game

M. A. OLIVEIRA was the man of the court in the Mixed Doubles. Never had his stamina stood him in such good stead. He bounded from side to side of the court—practically playing the opposite pair on his own, for Miss Silva had little to do at the net.

Miss Khoo did more than her share of the work, in fact some of the shots she took should have been left to Hooi, but she acquitted herself well in the flashing duels, and towards the end often took her place side by side with Hooi.

For the major part of the first game, Hooi was not playing to standard. He, perhaps, was somewhat put out by Miss Khoo's initiative.

K. F. C. And K. Tong Rinks For Saturday

The following will represent Kowloon F.C. in friendly Lawn Bowls matches to-morrow:

Vernus Kowloon Docks at Tai Wan: A. Lapley, V. Alenza, V. Chittenden and W. Field; W. Nae, A. L. Eastman, P. Youngs and E. Kern; A. Kern, A. Inyre, C. Downman, T. Ferguson and W. Simpson.

Vernus Recreo at Chatham Road: C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller and B. D. Evans; A. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley; G. Cross, B. Thomson, A. A. Dand and H. Ogden.

Kowloon Tens Rinks

The following will represent Kowloon Tens in a friendly match to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

Y. H. Tang, H. Y. Hau, A. Madar and A. Kew; M. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, N. Wong and J. L. Stephens; H. A. Castro, G. Phoon, A. E. H. Castro and H. Gitting.

tive, and as a consequence seemed somewhat out of the picture.

In the second game, especially, these two smashed the shuttle from one side of the court to the other and kept Oliveira continually on the run. The latter bounded about like a demented deer and literally carried the second game through sheer determination.

His great work in these first two games, however, took its toll in the third, when not even his finest efforts could avail against the opposite combination.

At the net, Miss Silva was much out of the picture. She could do little to relieve Oliveira of some of the work, but on occasions her deft touch and placing took points.

The Games

Hooi and Miss Khoo took the lead at 8-6 after being down 2-6, and though the Recreo pair drew nearer at 10-11, they could go no further. The second game was a repetition of the first, in scores, except that Oliveira's lead went from 7-2 to 9-2. The University players battled their way to 9-14 and eventually 13-11, but Oliveira's great rally took service and gained the winning point.

The third game opened with Hooi and Miss Khoo in a 3-0 lead, and though Oliveira and Miss Silva drew up to 4-6, it was the end of a gallant struggle. They fought a losing battle and points gradually accumulated on the other side to 11-4 and finally 15-4.

Junior Doubles

WHAT MIGHT be considered an upset was the victory of C.C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier over T. S. Young and K. Fung in the Junior Doubles. The Chinese pair could not strike the right combination, and had no adequate reply to Pereira's fine smashing. Xavier, at the net, made excellent use of his height.

But in service, both sides gave away innumerable points with attempted high services to the back court. They invariably dropped outside.

Young, whose fine win over N. L. Smith in the Junior Singles has been one of the highlight of the present Championships, was rather patchy. His fine smashes were too closely mingled with weak shots into the net.

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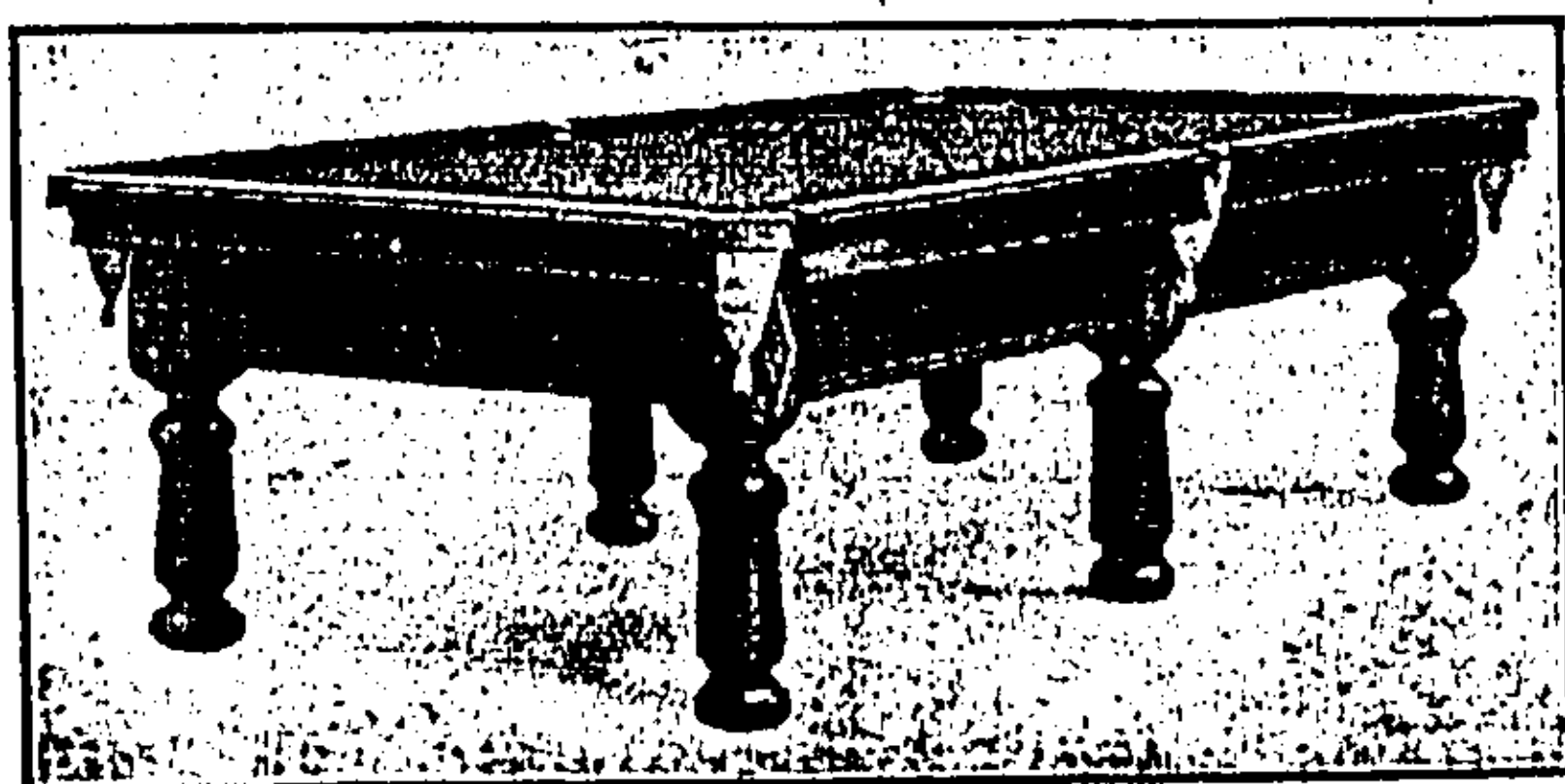
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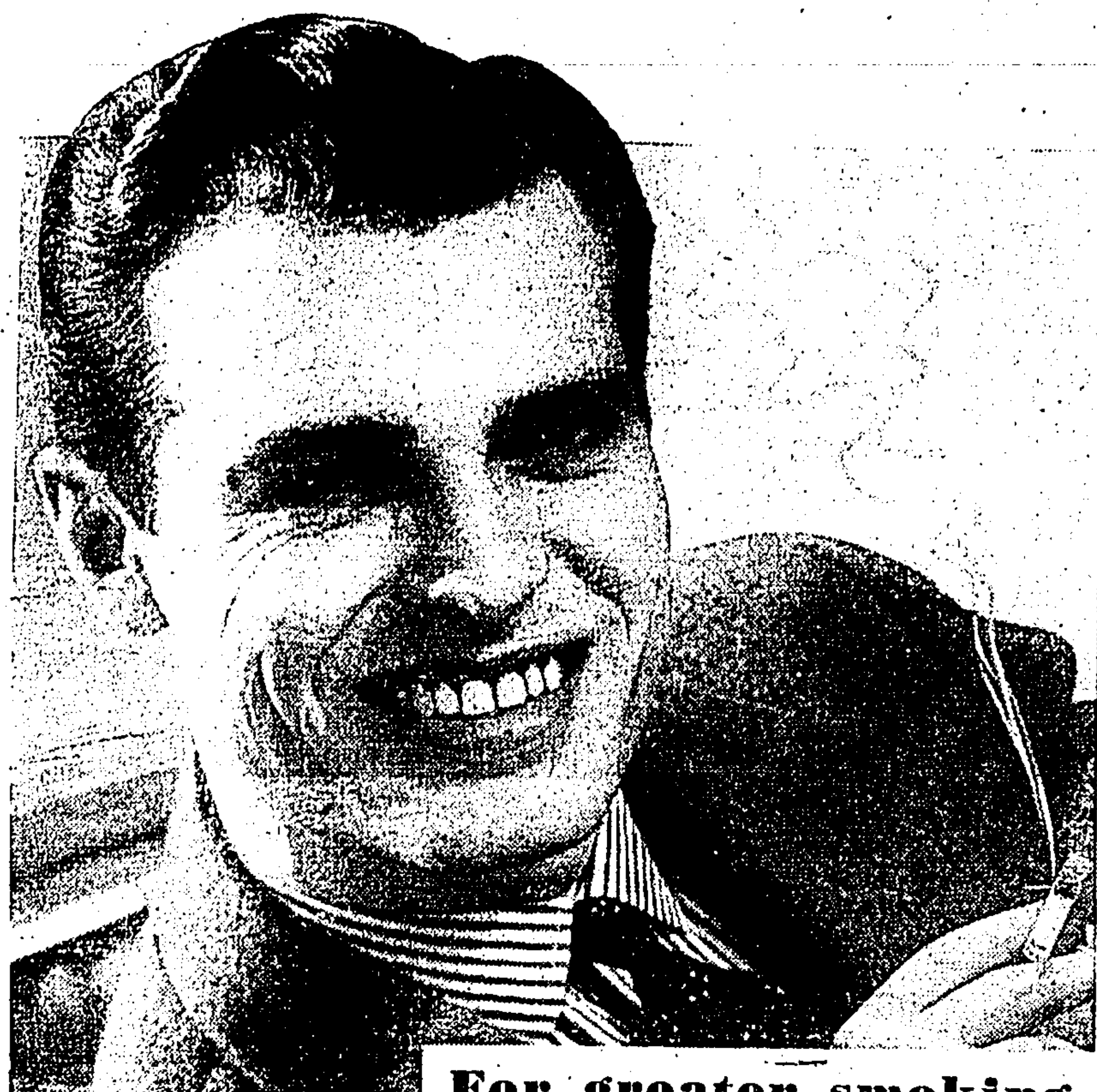
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Himmler Campaigns For Big Families

A German "victory-of-weapons" must be followed by "a victory of children," says a new magazine which has appeared under the patronage of Heinrich Himmler, chief of all German police organisations, reports Associated Press from Berlin.

The magazine, "Victory of Arms—Victory of Children," declared that the new German family for which National Socialism is preparing a new era should have from four to six children.

Germany, it said, needs an ever increasing number of babies to meet the needs for hands to perform the tasks "which time and destiny are thrusting at the Reich."

"Nordic" Idea
The magazine opened a campaign to preserve and increase "Germanic Nordic blood."

Many photographs are presented of the Nordic idea of what the new German era mother should look like. There were also pictures of "undesirable" types with the explanation that both may guide a young man in the selection of a wife and that he should do it right away.

Nuremberg Laws
To preserve the purity of the race the Nuremberg Laws (which include prohibitions against Jewish and non-Jewish marriages) are to be preserved, while the best eugenic practices will eliminate "silly anti-social elements."

Benes Honours Sikorski

Czech-Polish Amity

President Benes of Czechoslovakia met Gen. Sikorski of Poland at a review of Czechoslovak troops in the Midlands recently and, after a march past, pinned on his breast the Czechoslovak War Cross in recognition of his work as organiser of the Polish Army.

In an interview Dr Benes said: "After this war the Polish and Czech nations will collaborate in good and intimate friendship for the maintenance of peace in Central Europe and to ensure for both nations real prosperity."

Gen. Sikorski said: "I am absolutely certain of the victory of the Allied forces from my observations of the magnificent attitude of the English."

Stukas Are Called Antiquated

The German Stuka dive-bombers are "rather antiquated" compared to the latest models used by the United States Navy, H. Lloyd Child, Curtiss-Wright chief test pilot, said in a speech recently.

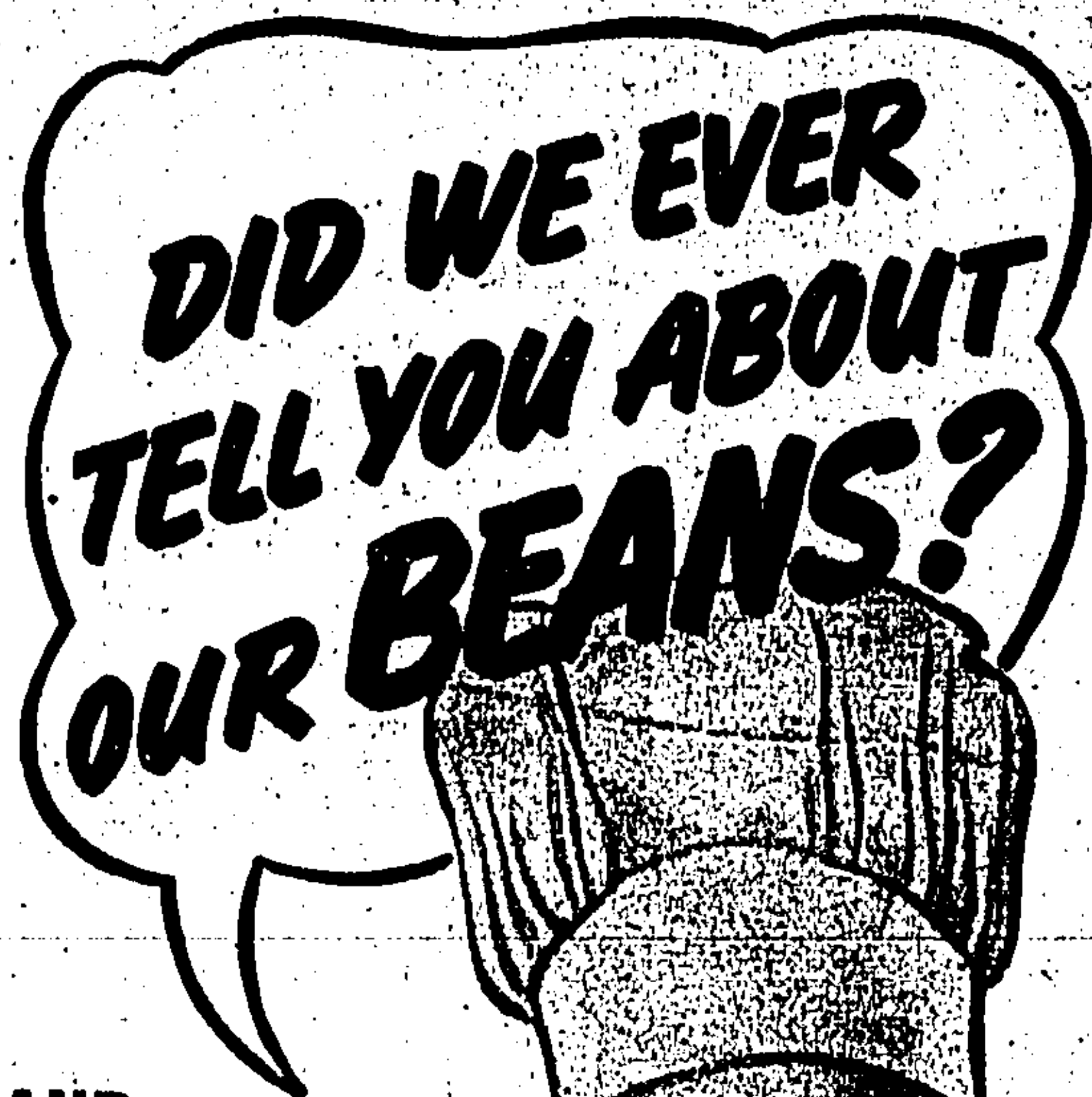
Mr Child said that the Germans copied the technique of dive-bombing, which was originated by the United States Navy, and that if the Stukas represent the Germans' latest development, "they haven't kept up with our advanced models."



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HEAVY TAXATION FOR AMERICANS

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Not Ordinary Times

Mr. Morgenthau added: "We simply cannot carry on business as usual and the Government as usual from now on and still take adequate care of our defence needs. It will be a tragic error to assume that we can expand our defence production on a colossal scale and still go on our usual way as the Government or individuals."

He made no specific recommendations how the new taxes should be raised but he said: "The new taxes will seem a small price to pay for the nation's security."
Advantages of Tax
Mr. Morgenthau said that the tax programme (1) Presented the method of "paying as you go" for a reasonable proportion of expenditure; (2) Was designed so that all sections of the people would bear a fair share of the burden; (3) Would help the United States resources for defence by reducing the amount of money spendable on less important things; (4) Was designed to prevent a general rise of prices by keeping purchasing power from out-running production.

Commons Demand More Action

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ground for hoping that the fighting in Greece can take a turn to our advantage, declared Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister, in a statement to the press to-day.

"We are seeing the last stages of a very gallant rearguard action," he added.
Mr. Fadden concluded with an appeal to sink any political differences and dispose of forces and strength in such a way as to provide the maximum war effort.

Churchill's Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons to-day indirectly answered the public and press criticism regarding Greece when he said, "Do not let us lose our sense of proportion regarding the gravity or otherwise of these events." The House cheered.

Mr. Churchill replied to a series of demands for a war statement to which he would only hint that one would be forthcoming soon.

ITALIANS ROUTED IN ABYSSINIA

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the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia declaring that unless the Italians in East Africa surrender, the British cannot be responsible for scouring Italian-nationals-in-the-unoccupied areas.

It is authoritatively stated that on April 15, the Duke of Aosta's envoy received a verbal message insisting complete surrender. On April 17 the envoy returned and asked that the proposals be made in writing, because in view of their importance, they must be forwarded to Rome. A day or two later an answer was received from the Duke to the effect that he would not cease fighting, and emphasising that the responsibility for the white population was the concern of the British, "in the areas occupied by them."

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BOMBS ON KENT

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Bombs were dropped in Kent early this morning by single enemy aircraft, causing a few casualties. The damage was not extensive.

This is all the enemy activity over this country during daylight to-day reported by the Air Ministry.

KETTLE SHORTAGE

The Limitation of Supplies Order is beginning to make itself felt in Britain on the kitchen front, for kettles are particularly in short supply. One London store recently had only a few aluminium ones on offer, at figures ranging from 4s. 3d. for the smallest to 6s. 6d. for an average household size, and the manager stated that in a few months' time there would be none to be bought.

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- Cultivated plants
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- Two-dimensional space
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- Gully
- Tea
- Attack
- Having made will
- Little (French)
- Successive fruit
- Kilometers (abbr.)
- Nervous pain
- Repiece of camera
- Teach of slings
- Goten in lemp
- In the past
- Collier assistants
- Use cars
- Having minute perforation
- Exist as
- Kind of cotton gauze
- Unattached writer
- Those in service
- Publication
- National Society of Naturalists (abbr.)
- Variegated waxy
- Quartz
- Provided with tuft
- Enroll on jury list
- Capital in Italy
- Wrinkles
- Have inclination
- Tunnel entrance
- Emit guttural sound

DOWN

- Man's name
- Paradise
- Philippine aborigine
- Of a hundred
- Perennial woody plant
- Leaving one side
- Leaving to open
- spaces (music)
- Pair
- One of Shoshonean tribes
- Celestial regions
- Wild destruction
- Former Prussian adict
- Color of grass
- Polishing device
- Individuality
- And not
- Before
- French negative answer
- Condemned to perdition
- Colon
- Balance
- Papal representatives
- Leaf
- Test
- Conceal object
- Wear away
- Admiration of
- Admiration of
- Having lived longer
- Units of energy
- Allot
- Explosive weapon

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Scene after a raid on a Midland town: youngsters salvaging what they can of their belongings from their wrecked home. Note the smiles of courage.

They Came to Manchester

By Stuart B. Jackman

DO YOU REMEMBER MANCHESTER? The rain, the root, the business men with their bowler hats and their neatly rolled umbrellas, and the trams? Do you remember those narrow little alley-ways, paved with rough cobbles and perpetually running with muddy water, which were so proudly and so mistakenly called streets? And the heavy wagons with great wooden wheels and thick curved shafts, and the patient might of the huge shire horses that pulled them so willingly and so tirelessly through the endless maze of smoke-stained buildings round Shudehill? Do you remember the grim majesty of the office blocks and the ponderous activity of the warehouses, the dark beauty of the Cathedral and the darker gleam of the river?

Remember Manchester? Of course you do. Dear, dirty old Manchester, sitting stolidly in its smoke and its rain, with an expression of grim determination and a heart as warm as the taprooms of the little taverns which nestle down, together in the Shambles, Manchester, the curse of the Ministry of Health, the despair of the architect, the salvation of the umbrella trade.

Those "Umbrellas!"

Every self-respecting Manchester man carries an umbrella. In the Midlands and the South an umbrella is a cumbersome necessity, something to be carried furtively under the arm and deposited with joy at the merest suspicion of sunshine. In Yorkshire it is a luxury, in Oxford an affection, in Edinburgh an impossibility. Not so in Manchester.

The Manchester man carries his umbrella with the pride and the courtliness of a dandy. When he has just sold his quota of cotton he goes marching down Piccadilly with the air of a drum major, swinging his umbrella and whistling. When he is in a tight corner he stands at his bus stop with it planted firmly between his feet and his hands crossed decisively over the handle. One can almost see the words "They shall not pass" picked out on the building behind him.

But when it is raining the umbrella really reaches its finest hour or rather day, for Manchester rain is notoriously persistent. The streets become a black, shining mass of umbrellas, and your business man hurries through the struggling crowd on his way to the bus with incredible speed and agility.

The Londoner in a crowd with an open umbrella is like a parachutist who lands in the sea; the

Manchester man is a second Blon-din.

Hold on to your memories, then, if you treasure the Manchester that was. Hold fast to the old sights and the old ways, the smoke and the rain and the strong tide of commercial life. On the night of Sunday, December 22, 1940, "they" came to Manchester.

When they came to Manchester it was dark and very still. The city was sleeping, somewhat fitfully, in the peace of the early evening. In the churches the benedictions had been pronounced and the people sent on their way.

A City On Fire

The drone was very distant and very quiet, but menacing. The washers got ready and waited in a tense silence. Looking down from their roof-tops, they could see the dim outlines of the Cathedral, the hotels, the great stations, and on up the quiet lengths of Deansgate and Market Street, where the shops lay shrouded in dust-sheets and the little taverns dreamed their dreams in dark pools of shadow. This was the Manchester we knew. This was our city, and we loved it.

The first crash brought the city to its feet with a start, only to fall back again blinded by the glare of fire and deafened by the roar of guns. Flying high against the hard stars, they looked down and saw Manchester choking and sprawling in the smoke and furiously fighting back the terror of the fires. They looked and saw the river gleaming dully in the glare, and, swooping down, they dropped their cargo of destruction into the heart of the blaze. They looked and saw the Cathedral standing on the river bank, and racing towards it they saw nothing but smoke and the fierce hunger of the fire.

Everywhere Destruction!

Manchester was a city of flame and thunder. The great fires burnt like torches and the old places went roaring up to the sky in a torrent of heat and smoke. Steel and brick, stone and timber crashed down to the very foundations of the city. The streets were like rivers of fire, the buildings were lighter than they had been for months. A great light came over the city and fled hand in hand with Death through the little alley-ways and by-ways, up stone staircases and over black-slate roofs, into church and theatre alike, into hotels and warehouses, into shops and into homes.

And everywhere was a great noise such as Manchester had never heard before. And every-

where were pain and misery and wanton destruction.

All day Monday the city licked its wounds and fought its fires. All day the people stood on the outer rim of the city and stared with grey eyes at the horror of the day, at the scorched walls and shattered windows, at the broken masonry and blasted brick-work. And with the night again they came.

The Changes

Manchester is slowly getting on to its bruised and battered feet again. But there are a lot of changes. There is much of Manchester that will never be the same that has been destroyed for all time, that will never be resurrected. Perhaps it is as well, for it really was a terribly inconvenient city and out of date in its planning. But we, the people of Manchester, can get sentimental over a few hundred smoke-blackened bricks and a score or so of very dirty windows. We are a hard-headed lot in the main. Thank God for that now! But our hearts are as warm as the next man's, and we loved the grim ugliness which was our city.

Against the sky rise the gaunt walls and broken gables of the city's oldest firms. In the hollow by the river the broken Cathedral raises black Gothic arms to heaven in a gesture of mute suffering. Some of the streets have been cleared and reopened, and down these flows the busy life of the city, going grimly on its way, looking and mending, assessing and condemning, but round the corner is a dead street, with piles of rubble and crumbling walls, where gaping holes call mutely to gaping holes and the water from the hoses drips in desolation down the shattered front of the Royal Exchange.

New Hopes

But the trams are still running and the Manchester folk are still there. Umbrellas are out and standing stoutly up to rough usage. Business men are hopping about among the rubble, poking with their ferrules and tapping inquisitively with their handles. Nobody seems to be swinging them, though. Still, here is the essence of Manchester, the trams and the pale, determined men and women. The grey sky can cloak many things. It is only when the pall lifts and the sun slips through that it becomes terribly obvious that one can see the sky through roofs that are no more and daylight through the walls that were once so dark.

And so they came to Manchester and robbed us and left us. Left us our Manchester courage and our Manchester doggedness, left us our umbrella and our smoke and soot. Left us, Manchester people, a little paler, perhaps a little more determined, but still essentially the same. To-day we go into the city with our new problems and our new hopes; to-night we will come home on our usual tram, with our umbrella neatly folded, our paper, and our cheery chatter with the conductor. We still have these things. We are still Manchester. From the "Manchester Guardian."

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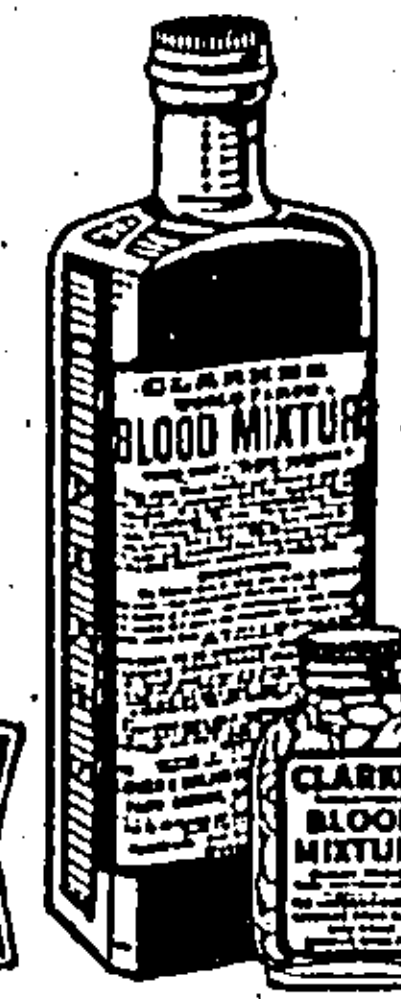
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WORTHY OF SUPPORT

A correspondent to-day puts forward a suggestion for raising a quick and substantial contribution towards the Bomber Fund. His idea—the voluntary donating of 25 per cent. of one month's salary by Britons—is not novel; it has been employed by Hollanders in the N.E.I. Its chief merits are that it constitutes a spontaneous and generous gesture, and if adopted by 100 per cent. of Britons in Hongkong, will net a considerable sum of money, certainly many lakhs.

One possible complaint will be that again the same people, who in the past have given as generously as they felt capable, will be asked to put their hands deep into their pockets, while many others, who have ignored their obligations, will continue to do so. To a certain extent this is true, but it is reasonable to hope that a lead such as this will encourage the less public spirited members of the community to come forward and do their share.

To expect a man to contribute at one time 25 per cent. of his month's salary may sound rather forbidding. But the correspondent mooted this scheme has wisely suggested the qualification that where a man has family remittances to make, these should first be deducted and the 25 per cent. contribution made from the residue. In this way a man will be making a personal sacrifice for one month, but not at the expense of his dependents. For those who will mean sacrificing some pleasures and luxuries for a month, or possibly longer, but this is the sort of giving which has become part and parcel of people's lives in England to-day, and they fulfil their obligations not only willingly, but joyfully, treating it as a privilege to accomplish something vital for a great cause.

Our correspondent has advanced a constructive suggestion, and everything possible should be done to bring it within the bounds of practicability for everyone. Thus, if a person felt he could not afford to part with 25 per cent. of a month's salary at one time, he could, through a "premise to pay", make his contribution in two instalments. Business houses could encourage their staffs by offering to assume the responsibility of collecting, donations could be deducted from salary cheques, in one or more instalments,

HE has to plan VICTORY

High altitudes are cold. This is as true of high offices of State as it is of mountain tops. The man at the head of a fighting service has reached the military summit and finds himself alone. There is room only for one on this pointed peak. Others, until recently his companions in the ascent, are now left some distance below, and they still enjoy the warmth and protection afforded by a crowd. He has no shelter from the cold winds of criticism: the voices of his advisers come up to him fitfully from the lower slopes, and sometimes reach him in the confused roar of contrary opinions. He alone must make the decisions on which military plans will be based and on which thousands of lives will depend.

If his decisions are sound, and the results successful, those who proffered advice can share in the warmth of popular approval. If the failure ensues, the man on the height must meet unflinchingly alone the icy blasts of disapproval, while his advisers on the lower slopes are sheltered by the contours of the hill.

Lonely Eminence

The position occupied by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the War Office is as cold and lonely as any position in the State. The time in his chilly chair Army, since history has been written, has in declared, and Lord Gort times of peace always gladly vacated it to be a Cinderella, even come



Chief of the British Expeditionary Force.

Let us pass to May 26, 1940, when General Sir John Dill became C.I.G.S. The try was thus being denuded Norwegian expedition had of the troops most ready for come to its sad but gallant end; Boulogne had fallen three days before, and Calais was about to suffer the same fate; the B.E.F., battered but not bettered, was struggling slowly back to the beaches at Dunkirk. Has a soldier ever assumed home. All seemed set fair supreme military respon-

A Study of General Sir John Dill

Chief of the Imperial General Staff

— By —

Lt-Gen. Sir Douglas Brownrigg

where he was brought into the closest touch with problems affecting possible operations in every country in the world. On promotion to lieutenant-general he vacated this important post, but before he had time for more than a few weeks' rest he was hurriedly sent to Palestine in command of the two divisions quickly made available there. This command was thus being denuded of the troops most ready for come to its sad but gallant end; Boulogne had fallen three days before, and Calais was about to suffer the same fate; the B.E.F., battered but not bettered, was struggling slowly back to the beaches at Dunkirk. Has a soldier ever assumed home. All seemed set fair supreme military respon-

The passage of events brought him no relief. It is true that the miracle of Dunkirk saved seven-eighths of the British Expeditionary Force. But all its equipment was gone. The 51st High-land Division went down fighting at St Valery, and a few days later France signed an Armistice. It was a terrible moment for the C.I.G.S. Sir John Dill finished the last war as a brigadier-general on the General Staff at the age of thirty-seven. He then held a series of appointments which promised to bring him to the highest position in the Army. He commanded a brigade at Aldershot, had a brigadier's tective covering for the Staff in India, was the first newly open Imperial Defence College, and was appointed Commandant of the Staff College.

In Palestine

From there he was moved to the key post on the General Staff at the War Office as Director of Military Operations and Intelligence,

Fate Intervenes

Sir John Dill seemed now to be shut out from the position for which the whole career had been a preparation. On the outbreak of war he went to France in command of the Second Corps. Fate then gave a twist to the wheel, and he found himself where he might well have been months before, but in very altered circumstances.

By a great effort of work and will he seems to have overcome the disadvantages he inherited in that position. His whole training has taught him to look ahead and not be led astray by any form of opportunism. As an example of long-distance planning we may recall the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons when he told us that the tanks and guns for General Wavell's December battles left this country in July and August for Egypt, travelling via the Cape. That far-seeing act could only have been the result of General Dill's decision that the risk should be taken. He was right, but what if he had been wrong?

Seeing Ahead

As another example of seeing ahead, I mention an incident which occurred in France. Early in September, 1939, I was talking to General Dill at the Bourse de Commerce at Le Mans, which housed a portion of G.H.Q. during the period of concentration in the forward area. Indulging in the wishful thinking that was so popular in the early days of the war, I was speculating on the difficulties confronting Hitler, still engaged in Poland and with the winter ahead of him—difficulties, I mean, in staging an attack against France.

Sir John Dill's reply was simple: "It is only a question of whether Hitler launches a full-scale attack with one hundred divisions this autumn or waits till the spring to do it with two hundred." And it was so!

Successful generals in the field get the glory which is their just due, and the troops have the joy of achievement, but few give a thought to the soldier at the War Office who neither seeks nor expects recognition for his share in the victories. But it is first and foremost General Sir John Dill who in seven months has raised the Army at home from a state of comparative nakedness and doubt to one of readiness and confidence, and has had the courage to take great risks in supplying the Army overseas with the sinews of victory.

—TURKEY NEXT?—

A few months before the outbreak of war I spent a short time in Turkey, and it was then that I first understood why Germany, if she ever bullied her way through the Balkans, would receive a rude shock when she tried conclusions with the Turks.

I recall a long and interesting conversation with the editor of a leading newspaper in Ankara. "Would you," I said, "compare Kemal Ataturk with Mussolini or Hitler?"

He looked rather shocked, and I realised too late that there are blunders which are worse than crimes.

"The Ghazi", he said, "is in a different category. He was our leader, not because he wasted our energies, but because he proved his personal courage and generalship in the field. We trusted him, and he always proved worthy of a nation's confidence."

I visited the new institutions of the new capital, the Agricultural College, the School of Art, the factories, and I was not surprised to meet German experts as technicians and professors. Some made no secret of Nazi sympathies; some were ostensibly refugees. Just previously, at an international conference, I had met an intelligent young Brazilian from Rio Grande do

prised to meet German experts man past ought to remember the as technicians and professors, words of Tiberius Gracchus, 21 centuries ago:

"It is for the sake of other men's wealth and luxury that Italians go to the wars and give their lives. They are called Lords of the World, and they have not a single clod of earth to call their own."

And now Turkey is to be the next victim. "Let the Ghazi, and his successors, create a new Turkey, and, I, Hitler, will flatter him for it—and take it."

Mussolini once informed the world that he was not a collector of deserts. Your real robban teachers and merchants in ber-tyrant isn't. He is a collector of deserts. He is a collector of other people's countries, and far-sighted statesman had was in the wind, she began to won new wealth for his country, show her suspicions of the Nazism's covetous eyes found it technicians. Now she is still-out. Let someone else discover fending her back and looking her the mine, Nazism will collect adversary in the face. Hat the gold. Mussolini is finding titludo is suggestive, if independent to his cost. But a man so dence and national dignity are fascinated by the glorious Ro-still treasured amongst men.

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Anzac Day Messages To Gallant Troops & Leaders

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Inspiring messages in connection with the observance of Anzac Day on April 25 have been exchanged by notable Anzac leaders of the last war. The most outstanding of these was that sent by the much-loved leader, Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, who is known to all "Diggers" as "Birdie."

In a message to Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Australian Prime Minister, he said: "Anzac Day this year will, I know, bring with it to my old comrades some mixed feelings—feelings of intense and most justifiable pride at the truly magnificent work carried out with almost incredible success by our new Australian Imperial Force comrades—and anxiety on the part of those who have near relations once more in close touch with the treacherous enemy."

"We are told that we are fighting to maintain democracy in the face of a cruel and entirely unjustifiable attack on it by the totalitarian Powers, but it goes much deeper than that. We are upholding Christianity from the brutal attacks of paganism which would set up Adolf Hitler in the place of a dethroned Christ. That we will never tolerate or permit."

"Accept my devout and sincere wishes to my old comrades for that complete victory which I have no least doubt will be ours, even though very great difficulties and steep roads may be before us. May God bless the people of Australia through everything."

Fadden's Reply

Acknowledging Lord Birdwood's message, Mr. Fadden cabled: "Many thanks for your telegram which has been communicated to the Federal President of the Returned Soldiers' League (veterans of the last war). Your old comrades will, I am sure, greatly appreciate your confidence that complete victory for the Empire cause in the present conflict will be achieved in spite of many great difficulties and anxieties."

Lord Birdwood also telegraphed to Lieut-General Sir Thomas Blamey, G.O.C. of the A.I.F. in the Middle East: "I am indeed delighted to know that our old Anzac Corps has again been formed as such. Please give kind greetings and every possible good wish for the greatest successes to one and all in the great old Corps throughout whatever may be before you. You can never fail."

Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, now engaged in the closing stages of his mission in London, cabled General Blamey: "On the anniversary of Anzac Day, I send greetings to you and your gallant men. You are all magnificently carrying on the Anzac tradition of supreme courage in the face of odds, and Australia's history is enriched by your deeds. Accept for yourself congratulations on your appointment as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Middle East. Our great confidence in you has been more than justified. We are all grateful to you."

Menzies To Deputy

Mr. Menzies has cabled to Mr. Fadden: "Please convey to the Australian people on this anniversary of Anzac Day that I am proud to be able, as Prime Minister, to share the emotions of a nation which remembers with pride not only the great service of the Australians in the last war but the magnificent devotion of our men in this war. We must all try to be worthy of their sacrifice. We owe to our fighting men all our support and our undivided efforts."

Sir Alexander Godley, Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the last war, has telegraphed to General Blamey: "May victory rest with you and your gallant troops in the grim struggle which you are waging on Anzac anniversary."

Local Ceremony

His Excellency Major General A. E. Grasett, General Officer Commanding, was among those who attended the wreath laying ceremony

at the Cenotaph this morning in commemoration of Anzac Day. The wreath was laid by Mr. D. A. Morrison and Mr. P. C. Stokes, Acting President and Hon. Secretary respectively of the Australian and New Zealand Association, and amongst those present were: Lieut. McGovern, Capt. and Mrs. A. Kella, Rev. H. Wittenbach, Mrs. G. C. Burnett, Petty Officer H. Kennard, Capt. St. John (A.D.C. to General Grasett), Messrs A. K. Dimond, O. A. Smith, D. W. Hume, H. Brokenshire, and J. G. McKenna.

An Invader's Impression Of Foochow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOOCHOW, Apr. 24 (Dome).—The Japanese occupation of Foochow, capital of Fukien Province, found all foreign properties in Nantai, new town of Foochow, intact except the Japanese Consulate which was burnt. The Chinese characters written on the walls of the gutted building read, "Destroyed by fire in 1938."

The Chinese who remained in the city despite military operations revealed that a rice riot broke out in Foochow on March 26. Even now rice is quoted at as high as \$3 or \$4 per pound with 200 people reportedly starving to death daily.

Meanwhile, restored to normal, the foreign settlement in Nantai where 90 per cent of the foreign interests in Foochow are concentrated is operating as usual despite the entry of Japanese troops yesterday. Business houses and schools are functioning as usual and foreign men and women are seen on the streets.

The settlement is located along the Min River with various foreign consulates, churches, banks, schools and company buildings standing bold against green hills.

ANTI-CHINESE FEELING IN PANAMA

Indicative of the National Government's concern over the anti-Chinese sentiment in Panama, Mr. Chow Chi-kang, Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission and concurrently Special Overseas Commissioner, who arrived in Hongkong from Chungking a few days ago, will shortly receive the Chinese who have been forced to return to Hongkong from the Central American country and enquire about the true conditions of overseas Chinese there. It is understood that over 100 Chinese in Panama have returned to Hongkong in the past few weeks as a result of anti-Chinese feelings there arising from the adoption of a law prohibiting the entry of Chinese into that country and depriving the Chinese born there of their nationality rights.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$70
Indo-Chinese (Pref.) \$80
Hotels \$2.30
Macao Electric N.D. \$17
Entertainments \$6.25

Sellers
H.K. Bank \$1.340
Realties \$2.90
Trams \$16.20
Electric "O" X. Rts. \$26
Electric Rts \$14.50

Sales
Wharves \$65.50
Trams \$16
Lights Rts. 40 etc.



KING GREETS WINANT—King George breaks a precedent and meets U.S. Ambassador Winant, left, at a wayside station on the way to London. This equals the gesture made by President Roosevelt, who greeted Viscount Halifax in Chesapeake Bay.

"Y" And Services Water-Polo Tournament

A MEETING of representatives of various Units to discuss a water-polo tournament sponsored by the European Y.M.C.A. with the co-operation of the Navy and Army was held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday when an outline of the tournament was made.

Mr. R. Goldman was in the chair and others present were Messrs L. A. Benn, A. F. May (European Y.M.C.A.), P. S. M. W. B. Ure (Middlesex), Gar. Hall (12th Coastal Regiment), F. Willis (Service Secretary).

Mr. Goldman said it was probable that about 12 teams would enter the tournament, which would be held in the Army, Navy and Y.M.C.A. pools. It was proposed that two rounds of home and away matches be held. Matches will be played on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights and Sunday mornings.

General Committee

The following members will comprise the general committee.—R. Goldman (chairman), L. A. Benn, A. F. May (Y.M.C.A.), Lieut. Col. E. F. Paul (Navy), Lieut. Millar (Royal Scots), P.S.M. W. B. Ure (Middlesex), Sgt. Page (6th A.A.), Sgt. Bedford (Signals) and Combined Small Units. The Sub-committee to make the draw and appoint referees will comprise Mr. R. Goldman (Y.M.C.A.), E. F. Paul (Navy), Sgt. Page (A.A.), P. S. M. Ure (Middlesex).

Entries for the tournament, which are limited to Service units and the European Y.M.C.A., will close on May 10 and the draw made the following Tuesday. It is anticipated that the tournament will begin on May 20.

It is anticipated that the following will comprise the entries.—European Y.M.C.A.: Middlesex (two teams); Royal Scots, Signals; Combined Small Units; Navy (three teams); 12th Coastal Regiment; 8th Heavy A.A. Regiment, R. A., 8th Heavy Regiment.

Fanling Golf Starting Times

Sunday	
OLD COURSE	
9.10	W. H. E. Thomas, K. S. Morrison.
9.20	Col. Rose, L. B. Andrews.
9.25	J. W. Anderson, Capt. Thursby.
9.30	N. K. Littlejohn, A. V. Currie.
9.35	R. O. Baldwin, S. S. Church.
9.40	Comp. Merritt, J. A. Blackwood.
9.45	G. C. McLeod, A. V. Greaves.
9.50	Forrest, G. M. Park.
9.55	D. Hunter, J. A. D. Morrison.
10.00	P. V. McLane, W. C. S. Sheehan.
10.05	J. A. Forth, T. McQuarry.
10.10	L. H. Geare, A. B. Purves.
10.15	J. W. Clarke, P. E. Arnott.
10.20	H. M. Ross, P. E. Arnott.
10.25	G. G. Titterton, H. F. Phillips.
10.30	G. C. Jensen, J. F. van Mullen.
10.35	L. J. Linnell, (Middlesex), Fowler (Club), Le Page (Navy), Howlett (Police).
10.40	D. L. Newbigging, J. K. Bousfield.
10.45	M. D. Evans, G. E. Costello.
10.50	Major Penfold, S. L. Lloyd.
10.55	H. Overly, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
NEW COURSE	
9.20	H. S. W. Paterson, R. C. Gardner.
9.25	S. D. Dunnett, D. I. Bosanquet.
9.30	F. A. M. Elliott, E. L. Groome.
9.35	J. F. Robinson, J. Middlecott.

Canadian Output Of War Supplies

TORONTO, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Canada's aircraft orders for 1941 were approximately \$100,000,000, stated Mr. C. D. Howe, the Minister of Munitions, in an interview here today.

He added: "New plants opening for production are increasing steadily. We are doing all right now. We have managed to iron out a lot of our transport difficulties and within the next few months, our plants will be turning out immense quantities of war supplies. Even now they are turning out thousands of tons of supplies."

U. S. Transport May Return With Cargo

MANILA, Apr. 25 (Reuter).—The United States troop transport Republic which arrived here three days ago with more than 2,000 troops, has sailed for an unknown destination. It is believed that the vessel will call at Davao to load a cargo of hemp.

Wah Yan College Athletic Meet At K.F.C.

Occasional light rainfall during the afternoon failed to dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the competitors at the sixth annual athletic meet and inter-house competitions of Wah Yan College, Kowloon, which were held at the Kowloon Football Club ground yesterday.

Times for the track events, however, were rather slow, due mainly to the heavy nature of the ground.

The Very Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J., who gave away the prizes at the conclusion of the meet.

Winners

Senior individual Championship was won by Leung Yiu-hon with 30 points. Mak Po-she took Junior honours with 26 points, while Fung Kang won Midget laurels with 22 points.

White House captured the House Championship with 290 points. Pte. Manson won the 1,500 metres Open in 4 mins 48 secs, and La Salle College won the Open Inter-School relay.

Defences Of India Aerial Survey

SIMLA, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Commander-in-Chief, Lieut-General Sir Claude Auchinleck, has just completed a lightning tour of the North-Western Frontier areas bordering southeastern Afghanistan, doing considerable distance by air.

From Peshawar, he went to Jamrud and Ladikotal, where he inspected the fortified heights, of which a typical example is the Spinakuta Peak, 5,000 feet high, dominating the whole of Khyber and giving a commanding view far into Afghanistan.

In these fortified zones, the scheme of defence was explained in detail by the officers concerned.

His Excellency also flew to Thal, 50 miles southwest of Kohat, and viewed the fortifications from Kurram Tiquet and received a description of the scheme of defence.

From Thal, he flew to Kohat, where he met officers of the R.A.F. at their Kohat Headquarters. He also inspected a unit of the Observer Corps.

F.A. Team For Governor's Cup

The following will represent Hongkong Football Association in the Governor's Cup match at 4 p.m. on Sunday at Goulton Hill.—Banker (Royal Scots); Houghley (Navy), Fraser (Royal Scots); Freshwater (Middlesex), Bright (Middlesex), Thorne (Middlesex); Fowler (Club), Le Page (Navy), Howlett (Police), Ferrier (Police), Rietson (Club), Reeves, Lapsley (Kowloon), Sheehan (Middlesex), Blackburn (Police), Pope (Police), Housack (Royal Scots), Barber (Navy), Hendy (Navy).

Canterbury Park Stakes

Tight Finish Anticipated

THE Canterbury Park Stakes for Australian pony geldings of this season over six furlongs should provide a tight finish between King's Welcome, Misty View and Haseaway.

I doubt that Prairie View will accept for two simple reasons. In the first place the mare has to shoulder the limit penalty of 17 lb., and secondly she has not had an outing less than a mile. I prefer to see her over a longer journey.

Gay Fox by Balkan King is a slippery guy, but should he make up his mind to run, the grey is hard to beat. I wonder whether there is no cure for stinkers.

I have no news that Canberra will go to the post, but the mare is good for big money if she weighs out.

Broken Hill H'cap (Second Section)

Best Race Reserved For The End

IT SEEMS to me that the last event, Broken Hill Handicap (second section) for "B" class Australian ponies over 1½ miles, will be the best race of the meeting, for there are a few ponies with equal chances.

Jus Gentium is sure to be in at the kill as Mr. Black will be the pilot, but what about Triumph Day with only 150 lb. to carry?

Happy Returns and Santa Anita are nicely handicapped and anyone can do the trick.

It is to be hoped that the successful running of Joan and Wayworth will not be stamped as a flash in the pan. I will make my final selections to-morrow.

St Kilda Stakes (Second Section)

ANOTHER CERTAINTY

AS DAYLIGHT is sure on the morrow, so is Mr. Moller's Daylight for the St Kilda Stakes (second section) confined to non-winners of Australian subscription ponies of this season.

It is a short trip over six furlongs, and Buckfastleigh and Twinkling Star are good for places.

It is learned that Vitamin M. will not face the start as the mare is under suspicion.

Koala Stakes (First Section)

Bugle Should Be A Certainty

BUGLE did not sound her horn loud enough in the Coolgardie Stakes (second section) Easter meet, with the result that Warworth had the course to himself and won as he liked.

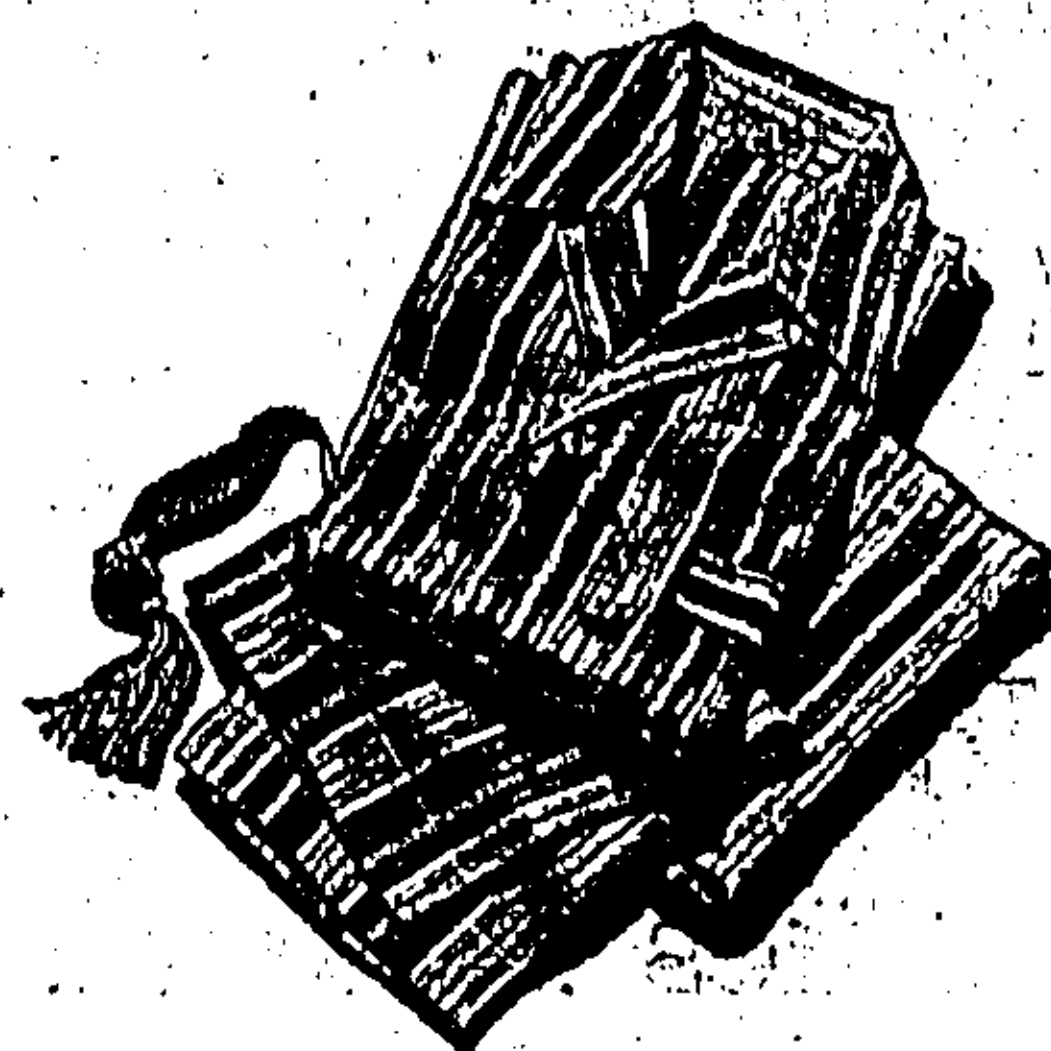
With the Hongkong Bank's pony out of the road, Bugle is a "dead cert" for the Koala Stakes (first section) over 1½ miles with Bona Vacantia and Seal River to fill the lower positions.

Roosevelt Meets War Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt conferred with the so-called War Cabinet for an hour and a half to-day and reports were circulated in some Congressional quarters that 10 per cent of United States aid to Britain is now being sent in the North Atlantic by German U-boats, raiders and aircraft.

The War Cabinet presumably discussed the problem.

It is understood the Administration is studying a plan to extend United States naval and aerial neutrality patrols to the mid-Atlantic, namely, 300 miles beyond the new naval outposts leased from Britain.



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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Altered Conditions For St George's Plate

Now Confined To "B" Class China Ponies And Stake Money Doubled

THERE WAS NO CELEBRATION of a St George's dance this year on account of the war, but the St George's Plate (a handicap for China ponies) is the principal event of the Fourth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow, first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.

In The Interest Of Owners

In view of the poor entries received last year (only seven nominations) from China pony griffins for the above classic event, the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have decided after due consideration to confine the St George's Plate to China pony "B" class raters, and have thus taken another step forward in the interest of owners.

The first prize stake money has been doubled from \$750 to \$1,500, with the addition of a silver trophy presented by the St George's Society.

The change has drawn no less than 16 of the best "B" class China ponies and we are assured not only a good field but a big fight for "John Bull's Plate" over a distance of 1 1/4 miles. There are, in addition, nine other interesting contests, and racing will be up to the usual standard. The fields will in all probability be up to full strength as entries have been on a generous scale.

The presence of His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote coupled with others wearing dark blue and khaki uniforms will no doubt add colour to the Meeting.

Opening Event

THE Taimoshan Handicap will be the opening event for "D" class China ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in.

It will be remembered that at the Easter session this class of races was divided into two sections with novices in the saddle, but the merging of the two into one division to be ridden by experienced jockeys makes it hard to spot the winner.

After his fine show in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (first section) Blue Field heads the list of handicaps, and the issue at stake is whether he can give 9 lb. to Strathbannock, who was unlucky to be nosed out by Celtic Star for third position in the frame.

The answer to this question is simple. Perusing the form book I found that Strathbannock has had a few successes with Mr Black in the saddle, and should the champion

THE DAILY DOUBLE

Broken Hill H'cap.

(First Section)

Open Contest For "B" Class Australians

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) for Australian "B" class ponies, and the run is over one and a quarter miles. I think the contest is very open.

However, Starlight put up a poor show in the Calliope Handicap (first section), but Cere's candidate has been let in with a reduction of 7 lb. and he may atone for his failure.

How good A Happy Time (winner) will be against Starlight to-morrow, is a matter for speculation. The Nineteenth Hole started three times with a win, but her public performances do not tell us very much. The mare by Pentheus is related to Never-Neve who annexed the Warrego Plate over two miles, and this alone is sufficient indication that Golf's griffin can last the distance.

She is worth following and so is Colomna who ran second to Starlight in the Stewards' Cup.

Charters Towers Stakes

Mountain View Should Win

MY BEST THREE for the Charters Towers Stakes over the mile are Mountain View with Iron Belle and Nomine Poenae in the rear ranks.

Miss Chalfont has not as yet been out, and she is looking much better and the mare is a nice animal, but I don't think she is ready.

St Kilda Stakes

(First Section)

Sprint For The Koala Bear

I HAD ALWAYS thought that The Koala Bear was more of a sprinter than a miler, and I am glad to see that the bay of Messrs Tester and Abraham will have a go at the St Kilda Stakes (first section) over six furlongs. This race is the second leg of the daily double event, and my fancy is The Koala Bear with Newborn Star and Bendigo to follow behind.

Koala Stakes (Second Section)

Opposition For Tien Tien From Three Sources

IT WOULD BE IDLE to pretend that Tien Tien will not have much opposition in the Koala Stakes (second section) for non-winning 1941 Australian subscription ponies over 1 1/4 miles, because the mare finished a good fourth in a field of 13 runners in the Coolgardie Stakes (first section) at the Easter.

Though I admit that the mare has a golden opportunity of claiming first prize, we must not overlook the chances of Crack Shot, Double Dutch and Look See.

Last Saturday, Crack Shot was given a mile spin and the mare came out of the test with flying colours. She covered the circuit in 2.02 1/2, romping home in 29 1/2 seconds for the last quarter.

An Unknown
WE know hardly anything about Double Dutch save that he had one official outing at the Easter meeting. The bay by Triple Seal was sent over the champion course last Saturday in 2.37 for 1 1/4 miles, but the pilot on board was erratic in his judgment of pace with the result

that Hollandia's aspirant was crawling like a snail in the last two furlongs.

Even at that a close perusal of the whole time would show that the last mile was 2.02 flat and we must seriously consider this.

Too Anxious
LOOK See was at one time highly considered by the connections, but the anxiety of beating the stopwatch was responsible for sending the mare to the hospital.
It was on January 11 that Look See covered a mile in 2.04 1/2 to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, but she was put out of gear after this fine gallop. Personally I like Double Dutch.

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P.H. Wong In Badminton Singles Final

St George's Plate

Changes Made Necessary By Previous Experiences Weights Favour Johnber

SINCE THE INCEPTION of St George's Plate in 1931, the race has always been the first classic handicap for China pony griffins of the current season after the annual meeting, but in 1938 a ban was placed on those griffins classified "A" class.

One must admit that the events confined to China griffins of this season at the Annual Carnival did not provide many exciting finishes nor was there "a big turnover" in the pari-mutuel departments.

It is interesting to recall that prior to altering the St Andrew's Stakes from an open event to a handicap contest, the classic could not induce punters to gamble.

The last open race was in 1934 when Liberty Bay (Proulx) annexed the St Andrew's Stakes in easy fashion and the bay was staked to win with 456 tickets out of a total of 520 chances. Last Autumn the turnover in the Scotch event amounted to 6,895 tickets for a win.

However, it was only a matter of modifying the conditions but I am sure that the alteration will provide a good event.

Well Representative

INTERNATIONAL rivalry for the St George's Plate over the champion course is well represented, non-Chinese owners having the same number of nominations, but Mr Bradbury heads the list with a string of three worthy contenders.

Hockey

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Alteration To Rules

The Hongkong Hockey Association will hold a six-a-side Tournament on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park. The tournament has attracted 20 teams, the draw resulting:

First Round
At Reccelo.—Nomads v. 5th A.A. Regt. A; Engineers A v. Y.M.C.A. B.
At C.B.A.—Engineers C v. Royal Scots; C.B.A. A v. 5th A.A. Regt. C.

Second Round
At Reccelo.—Y.M.C.A. A v. Destroyers; Middlesex A v. Middlesex B.
At C.B.A.—Signals A v. Khalsa B; Signals B v. Khalsa A; C.B.A. C v. 5th A.A. Regt. B.

The games will not be decided by the position of the ball when the final whistle blows, but if there is no score or the scores are equal, the game shall be continued until another goal is scored or until one of the sides has forced either a long or short corner.

It looks that Johnber is the best, and I fancy the bay will duplicate the owner's success of last year.

Probable Starters

FOLLOWING is a list of probable starters and jockeys:

Avon	D. Black
Charlesber	C. L. Gregory
Eve of Grandeur	B. Proulx
Eve of Reason	Ip Kiu-ying
Galaxy	P. Y. T. Wei
Way Star	P. P. Botelho
Hillbore Bay	S. L. Yuen
Hughber	G. Trevelton
Johnber	L. B. Chao
Sam's Choice	H. J. Hearne
So Nice	S. W. Tang
Wonderful Scheme	D. H. S. Craven
World Fair View	H. C. Pih

The running of "B" class China ponies at the Easter holidays was in two sections, but those in the lower division ran faster than the senior gees and the difference of times was six three-fifths seconds. We leave at that.

In the estimation of many, Johnber should have won the first section of the Hongkong Bay Handicap from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey (Chao) could not find an opening in the home stretch and the delay of final burst of speed gave the race to Avon (Black) by a short head.

A head behind came Sam's Choice (Hearne) who certainly put up a fine performance.

Comparison of Weights

A CLOSE study of the weights of those who ran in the above event, and what they are set to carry in the St George's Plate will no doubt prove interesting:

	Avon (1st)	Johnber (2nd)	Sam's Choice (3rd)	Eve of Grandeur (4th)	Charlesber	Hillbore Bay
1931b.	132lb.	132lb.	132lb.	132lb.	132lb.	132lb.
1932b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1933b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1934b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1935b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1936b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1937b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1938b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1939b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1940b.	146	150	146	146	146	146
1941b.	146	150	146	146	146	146

It will be seen from the above that for a beating of a short head, the winner, Avon, has been asked to concede 3 lb. to Johnber, and this is stiff.

I have not made a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the second section, but Galaxy (winner of the second section) should be the most dangerous contender provided, of course, there was no mistake made in timing the race.

When Galaxy annexed the St Andrew's Stakes at the fall, he was in receipt of 22 lb. from the third pony (Johnber), but the winner did not win by the length of Wong Nel-chong Road.

To-morrow Galaxy has a pull of a pound short of a stone, but Johnber is coming back to his old form. Eve of Grandeur has the best handicp.

M.P. Yoong Folds Up In Second Game

Gallant Resistance By M.A. Oliveira In Mixed Doubles

(By "Tinker")

PATRICK WONG entered the final of the Badminton Singles Championship at the Kowloon C.C. last night, when he beat M. P. Yoong in two straight games, and will now defend his title against K. W. Choy. But of the semi-final matches on last night's programme, outstanding was that of the Mixed Doubles in which M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva were bowed out by P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo.

Oliveira was in great form, and offered the utmost resistance to the end. His great-hearted play throughout gained the repeated applause of the large crowd.

Results in brief were:

SENIOR SINGLES

P. H. Wong beat M. P. Yoong 17-10, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat T. S. Young and K. Fung 15-12, 15-8.

YOONG's collapse in the second game was surprising in view of his great recovery in the first when he drew up from 2-10 to 14-all. He simply caved in and offered the slightest of resistance, and it was in great contrast to the previous display by M. A. Oliveira. This was most apparent when Wong had established a 10-0 lead.

Wong, in comparison, never had his tail down. Not even when, after the game had been settled at 3, Yoong had taken a 2-0 lead. He fully deserved the first game, and no matter how well Yoong had played in the second game, a very much doubt if he could have beaten Wong. The champion's best shot of the evening was his short drop from the baseline, and though Yoong, at times, produced shots of greater brilliance—especially during his climb to 14-all—he had not the same steadiness.

To get to 14-all Yoong was more or less presented with four points, when Wong seemed to lose temporary control over his sideline shots and hit four outside. But for the loser, it must be said, that some of his recovery shots from the baseline were copy-book style.

There was nothing in the second game. Wong went into a deserved 10-0 lead, though at 8-0 Yoong was beginning to fold up. Thereafter, Yoong served and hit in a most lackadaisical manner, evidently anxious just to get the match over.

Oliveira's Great Game

M. A. OLIVEIRA was the man of the court in the Mixed Doubles. Never had his stamina stood him in such good stead. He bounded from side to side of the court, practically playing the opposite pair on his own, for Miss Silva had little to do at the net.

Miss Khoo did more than her share of the work, in fact some of the shots she took should have been left to Hooi, but she acquitted herself well in the flashing duels, and towards the end often took her place side by side with Hooi.

For the major part of the first game, Hooi was not playing to standard. He, perhaps, was somewhat put out by Miss Silva's initial.

K. F. C. And K. Tong Rinks For Saturday

The following will represent Kowloon F.C. in friendly Lawn Bowls matches to-morrow:

Versus Kowloon Docks at Tai Wan—A. Lapley, V. Attenza, V. Christensen and W. Naeff. Field: W. Youngusband and E. Kern; A. MacIntyre, C. Dowman, T. Fergusson and W. Simpson.

Versus Reccelo at Chatham Road—Woodcock, B. Wong, C. Fuller and B. D. Evans; A. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. P. Smalley; G. Cross, B. Thomson, A.A. Dand and R. Ogden.

Kowloon Tong Rinks

The following will represent Kowloon Tong in a friendly match to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.:

Y. H. Tang, H. Y. Hsu, A. Madar and J. H. Kwei; N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens; H. A. G. Phoon, A. E. H. Castro and H. Gilpin.

tive, and as a consequence seemed somewhat out of the picture.

In the second game, especially, these two smashed the shuttle from one side of the court to the other and kept Oliveira continually on the run. The latter bounded about like a demoralized deer and literally carried the second game through sheer determination.

His great work in these first two games, however, took its toll in the third, when not even his finest efforts could avail against the opposite combination.

At the net, Miss Silva was much out of the picture. She could do little to relieve Oliveira of some of the work, but on occasions her deft touch and placing took points.

The Games

Hooi and Miss Khoo took the lead at 8-6 after being down 2-6, and though the Reccelo pair drew nearer at 10-11, they could go no further.

The second game was a repetition of the first, in scores, except that Oliveira's lead went from 7-2 to 9-2. The University players battled their way to 9-14 and eventually 13-14, but Oliveira in a great rally took service and gained the winning point.

The third game opened with Hooi and Miss Khoo in a 3-0 lead, and though Oliveira and Miss Silva drew up to 4-6, it was the end of a gallant struggle. They fought a losing battle and points gradually accumulated on the other side to 11-4 and finally 15-4.

Junior Doubles

WHAT MIGHT be considered an upset was the victory of C.C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier over T. S. Young and K. Fung in the Junior Doubles. The Chinese pair could not strike the right combination, and had no adequate reply to Pereira's fine smashing. Xavier, at the net, made excellent use of his height.

But in service, both sides gave away innumerable points with attempted fly services to the back court. They invariably dropped outside.

Young, whose fine win over N. L. Smith in the Junior Singles has been one of the highlight of the present Championships, was rather patchy. His fine smashes were too closely mingled with weak shots into the net.

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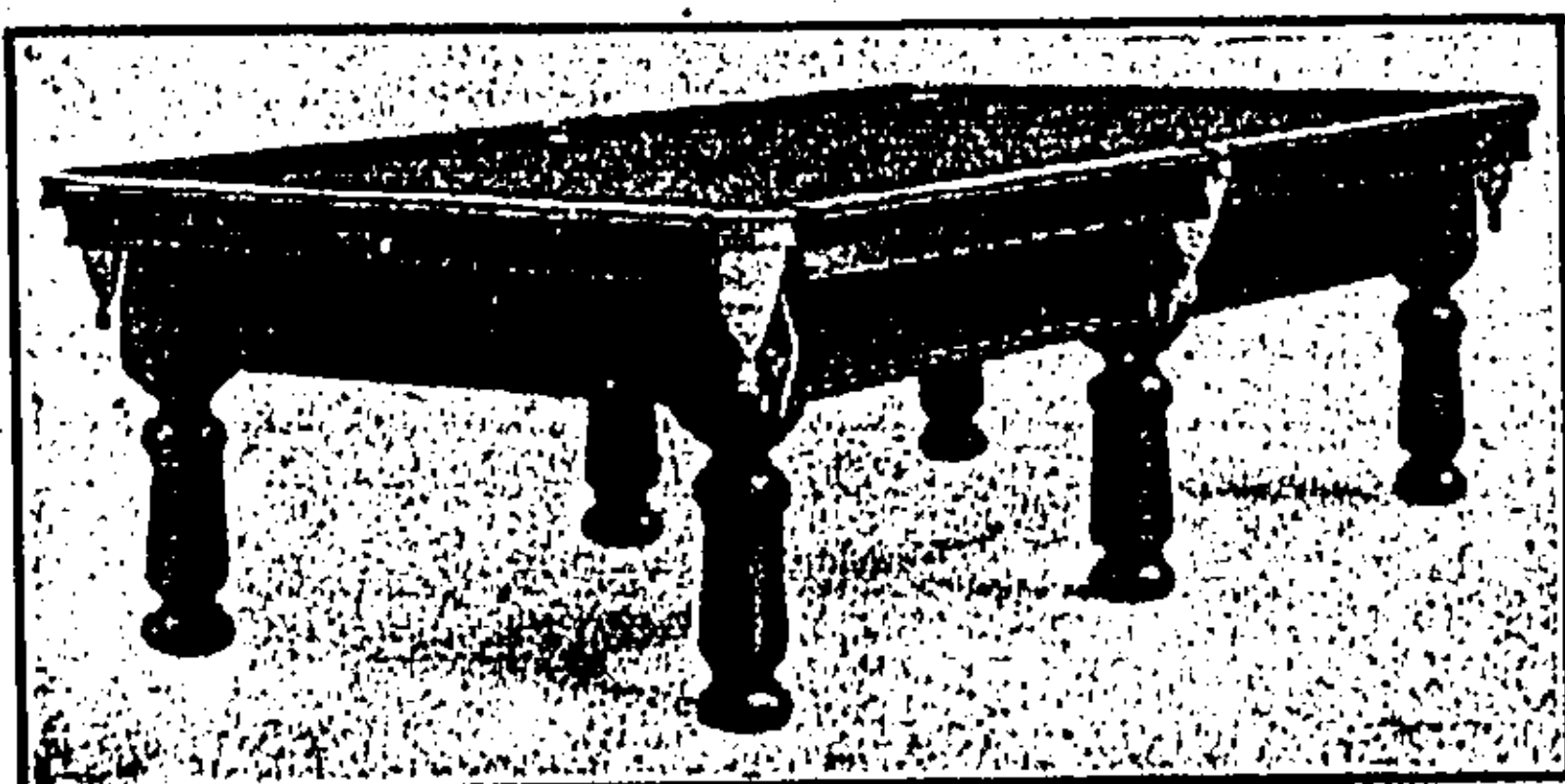
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Himmler Campaigns For Big Families

A German "victory of weapons" must be followed by "a victory of children," says a new magazine which has appeared under the patronage of Heinrich Himmler, chief of all German police organisations, reports Associated Press from Berlin.

The magazine, "Victory of Arms—Victory of Children," declared that the new German family for which National Socialism is preparing a new era should have from four to six children.

Germany, it said, needs an ever increasing number of babies to meet the needs for hands to perform the tasks "which time and destiny are thrusting at the Reich."

"Nordic" Idea
The magazine opened a campaign to preserve and increase "Germanic Nordic blood."

Many photographs are presented of the Nordic idea of what the new German era mother should look like. There were also pictures of "undesirable" types with the explanation that both may guide a young man in the selection of a wife and that he should do it right away.

Nuremberg Laws
To preserve the purity of the race the Nuremberg Laws (which include prohibitions against Jewish and non-Jewish marriages) are to be preserved, while the best eugenic practices will eliminate "silly anti-social elements."

Benes Honours Sikorski

Czech-Polish Amity

President Benes of Czechoslovakia met Gen. Sikorski of Poland at a review of Czechoslovak troops in the Midlands recently and, after a march past, pinned on his breast the Czechoslovak War Cross in recognition of his work as organiser of the Polish Army.

In an interview Dr Benes said: "After this war the Polish and Czech nations will collaborate in good and intimate friendship for the maintenance of peace in Central Europe and to ensure for both nations real prosperity."

Gen. Sikorski said: "I am absolutely certain of the victory of the Allied forces from my observations of the magnificent attitude of the English."

Stukas Are Called Antiquated

The German Stuka dive-bombers are "rather antiquated" compared to the latest models used by the United States Navy, H. Lloyd Child, Curtiss-Wright chief test pilot, said in a speech recently.

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HEAVY TAXATION FOR AMERICANS

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challenge than any in the history of the Republic. It calls for a much greater response than is yet made. The American people are prepared to make such a response willingly. "How much is it worth to be free men, living in a free land? The American people are willing to pay that price."

Not Ordinary Times

Mr. Morgenthau added: "We simply cannot carry on business as usual and the Government as usual from now on and still take adequate care of our defence needs. It will be a tragic error to assume that we can expand our defence production on a colossal scale and still go on our usual way as the Government or individuals."

He made no specific recommendations how the new taxes should be raised but he said: "The new taxes will seem a small price to pay" for the nation's security.

Advantages of Tax

Mr. Morgenthau said that the tax programme (1) Presented the method of "paying as you go" for a reasonable proportion of expenditure; (2) Was designed so that all sections of the people would bear a fair share of the burden; (3) Would help the United States resources for defence by reducing the amount of money spendable on less important things; (4) Was designed to prevent a general rise of prices by keeping purchasing power from out-running production.

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ground for hoping that the fighting in Greece can take a turn to our advantage, declared Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Prime Minister, in a statement to the press to-day.

"We are seeing the last stages of a very gallant rearguard action," he added.

Mr. Fadden concluded with an appeal to sink any political differences and dispose of forces and strength in such a way as to provide the maximum war effort.

Churchill's Appeal

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP).—The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, in the House of Commons to-day indirectly answered the public and press criticism regarding Greece when he said, "Do not let us lose our sense of proportion regarding the gravity or otherwise of these events." The House cheered.

Mr. Churchill replied to a series of demands for a war statement to which he would only hint that one would be forthcoming soon.

ITALIANS ROUTED IN ABYSSINIA

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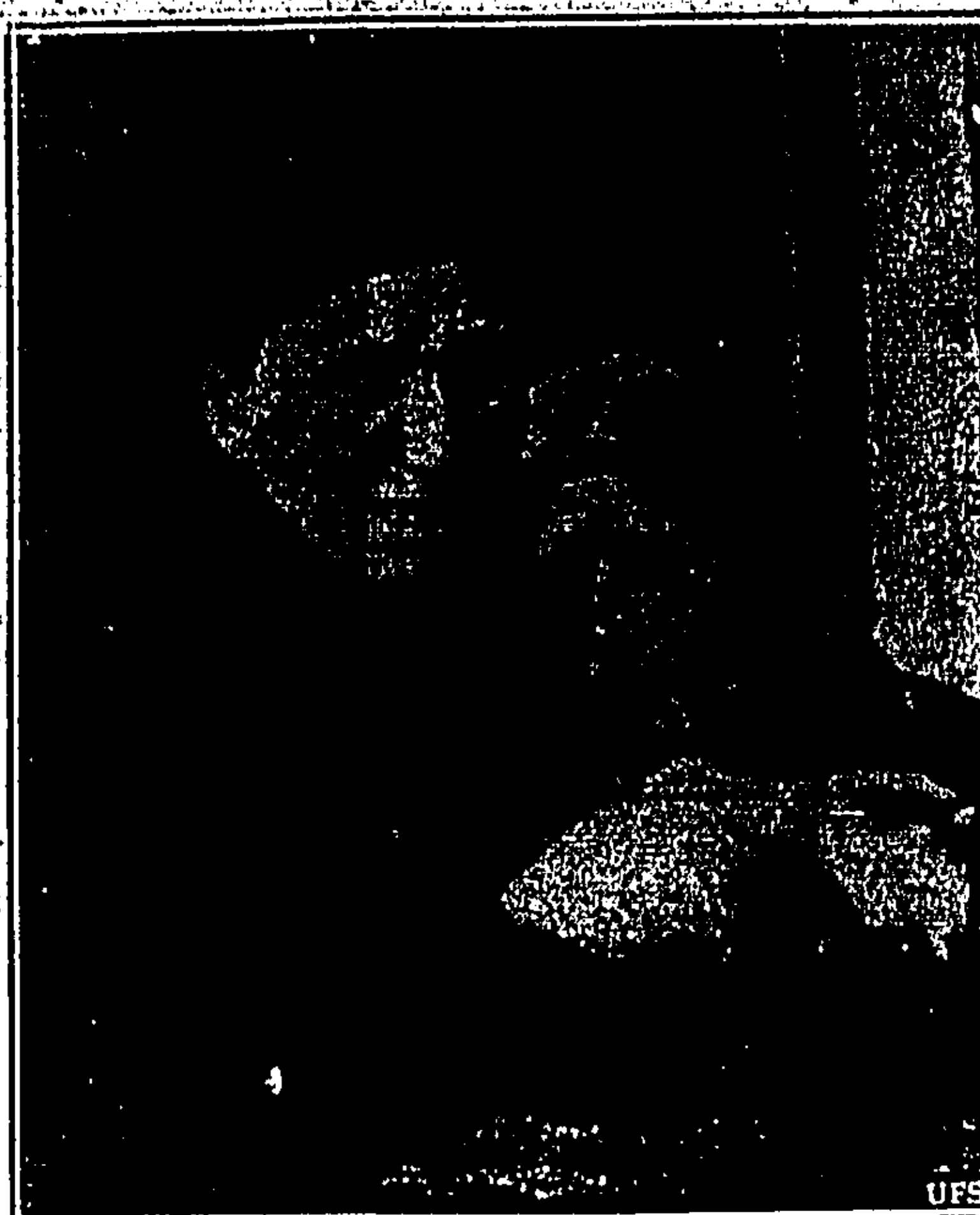
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LATE NEWS

ACONY OF WAR

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BOMBS ON KENT

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Bombs were dropped in Kent early this morning by single enemy aircraft, causing a few casualties. The damage was not extensive.

This is all the enemy activity over this country during daylight to-day reported by the Air Ministry.

KETTLE SHORTAGE

The Limitation of Supplies Order is beginning to make itself felt in Britain on the kitchen front, for kettles are particularly in short supply. One London store recently had only a few aluminium ones on offer, at figures ranging from 4s. 3d. for the smallest to 6s. 6d. for an average household size, and the manager stated that in a few months' time there would be none to be bought.

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ITALIANS ROUTED IN FIERCEST ABYSSINIAN BATTLE OF CAMPAIGN

ON THE DESSIE ROAD, APR. 24 (REUTER). — AFTER THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE ENTIRE ABYSSINIAN CAMPAIGN, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS HAVE ROUTED THE ITALIAN FORCES HOLDING THE MOUNTAIN BARRICADES BEFORE DESSIE, 140 MILES NORTH-EAST OF ADDIS ABABA, WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE DUKE OF AOSTA'S SCATTERED FORCES ARE MAKING A LAST STAND.

The South Africans have taken many prisoners and have inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy.

Now warplanes of the South African Air Force are swarming like angry bees over the frantically retreating Italians, who are racing back through a mountain pass towards Dessie. Evidently they hope that the road blocks behind them will afford them a respite.

U.S. Fleet & Pacific Defences

Said To Be Patrolling For British Squadron.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, April 25. (Domei). — The newspaper "Nichiichi Shimbun" prominently displayed its Shanghai dispatch stating that Britain has turned over to the United States Fleet the duties of patrolling the British waters in the Far East while British naval units at Hongkong and Singapore are being rushed to Home waters and the Eastern Mediterranean in order to bolster her forces in Europe.

According to the "Nichiichi" dispatch, the United States Fleet recently took part in various activities in the Pacific in this connection. These activities include, firstly, that the United States Fleet, consisting of the cruiser Cincinnati and the destroyers Florida, Wyoming and Hudson Field which recently made a goodwill visit to New Zealand and Australia are speeding to Singapore, while a battleship is reported to be en route to Singapore from Pearl Harbour via Manila; secondly, that six United States submarines are already reported to be patrolling the waters around Malaya; and thirdly, the main force of the British Fleet in the Indian waters and the China Squadron including the battle-cruiser Renown and the aircraft-carrier Eagle are already on duty in British home waters and in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The dispatch asserted that Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, will be proceeding to Singapore soon in order to confer with the British Far Eastern authorities on the six-Power military alliance.

Governor General Of Netherlands East Indies

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BATAVIA, Apr. 24 (Domei). — Dr A. W. L. Tjarda van Starkenborgh Schachouwer has consented to continue as the Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies though his term of office expires in coming September.

Dr Schachouwer was appointed Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies in 1936.

Britain Will Win, But Difficult Times Ahead

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter). — Dr Quo Tai-chi, who arrived from London by Clipper to-day, told American pressmen that he had never seriously doubted that Britain would win the war, but admitted that she would still have difficult times ahead.

Dr Quo Tai-chi, who had been in England for nine years, declared that the British had the greatest confidence in Mr Churchill's leadership.

Asked what was left out of the bombings of London, Dr Quo Tai-chi laughingly said: "Plenty." He said that during all the bombings, he had actually spent two nights in shelters and sometimes in the country.

Life goes on as usual after the bombings of London and the morale of the people is good and determined. Asked about the Balkan situation, Dr Quo Tai-chi said that the British

It is not yet clear whether the enemy will now rally his shattered forces for another stand before Dessie.

Retreat Cut Off

The Emperor, Haile Selassie's Abyssinian patriot forces operating with the South African troops have now cut the road to the Red Sea port of Assab and are also preventing the enemy retreat into Danakil. Should they turn to the north along the road to Asmara, the Italians will run up against the British and Imperial forces under General Platt, who are pressing south after their victory at Koren.

The battle before Dessie, which reached its climax yesterday afternoon, was fought near the head of a gorge running like a knife cut into the west wall of the valley. The South Africans found the enemy sitting 6,000 feet up on the mountain heights and grimly pouring a hail of machine-gun bullets and mortar and artillery fire at the attacking force.

Mountain Climbing

Men from Natal climbed the mountains on the right flank to dislodge the Bersaglieri and other Italian units. Later troops from Transvaal on the left flank mopped up Italian artillery and observation posts.

For two hours the fight raged bitterly. Then the Italians broke and fled.

Dessie Defences Forced

NAIROBI, Apr. 24 (Reuter). — Reporting that British troops have forced the enemy's forward defences in the Dessie sector, an official communique says:

"The latest reports state that the enemy is retreating and as usual is covering his withdrawal with extensive demolitions."

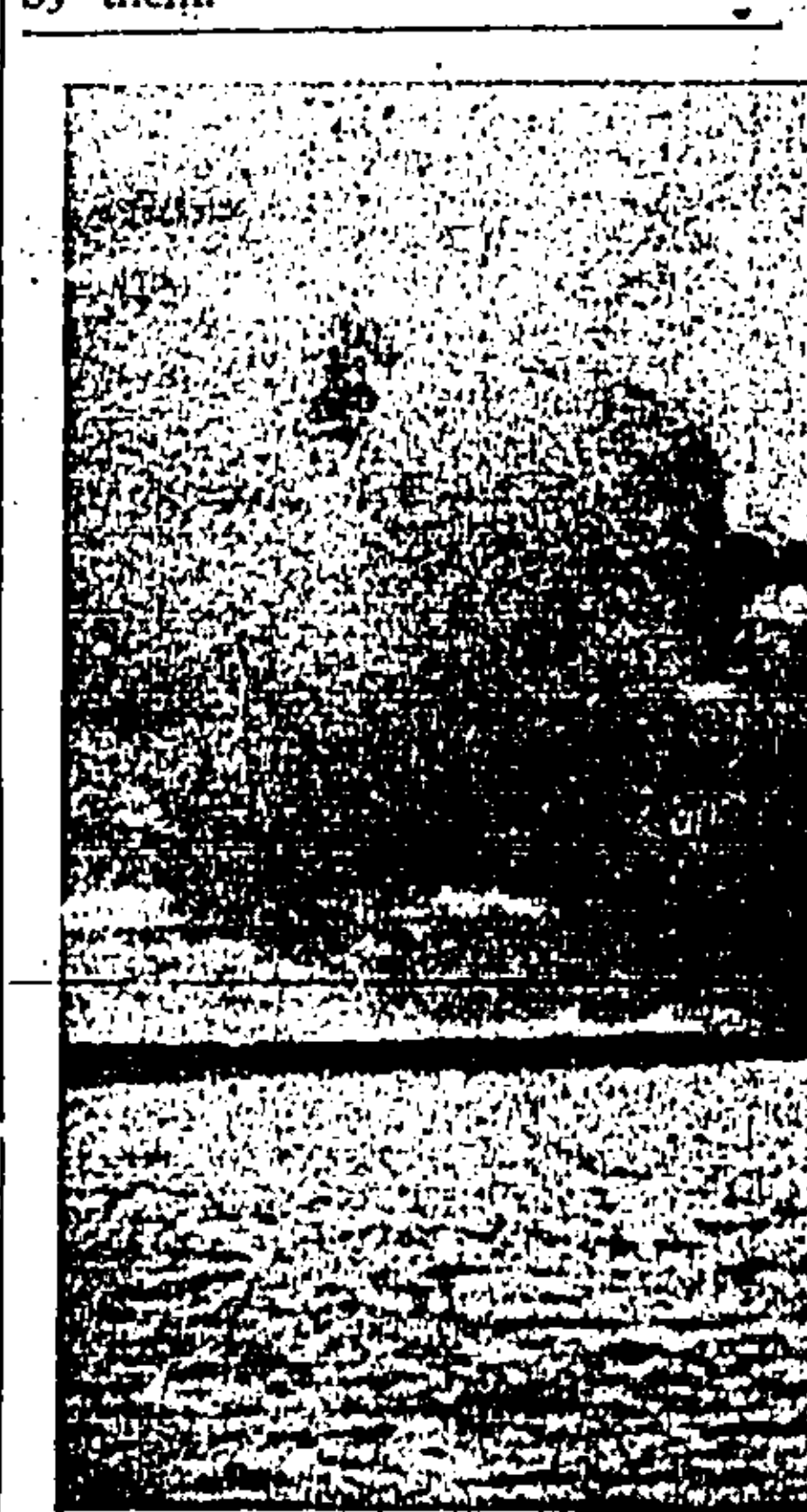
"In the Neghell sector, the position remains unchanged. Further west, our troops have occupied Maji, the centre of the Merille tribes, who welcomed them."

"In all sectors, the patriot forces are carrying out most useful operations by harassing the rear elements of the enemy and cutting lines of communication."

Cunningham's Warning

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP). — General Cunningham has sent a message to the Duke of Aosta, Viceroy of Abyssinia declaring that unless the Italians in East Africa surrender, the British cannot be responsible for succouring Italian nationals in the unoccupied areas.

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Nazi Battleships Damaged By Bombs in Brest Harbour

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP). — According to an Air Ministry communique, a heavy bomber force dropped many heavy bombs on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the Brest docks last night. "Observation was rendered impossible. One large and several small fires were seen, however."

Rumour Of Huge Nazi Army In N. Africa

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter). — The Nazis have moved another motorised division to Tripoli within the last week, according to the military commentator of the newspaper, "P.M." quoting "previously unpublished information."

He estimates that the Germans have now a total of two panzer and four motorised divisions in North Africa with anti-aircraft troops, and puts the strength of the German army in North Africa at between 85,000 and 90,000 men.

The commentator adds that the remnants of Marshal Graziani's army are believed to total 50,000 men.

Konoye Catches Cold

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Apr. 24 (Domei). — The Premier, Prince Konoye, did not attend the Cabinet meeting this morning or the meetings of the Privy Council examining the Japanese-Soviet neutrality pact, because of a cold.

It is authoritatively stated that the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are immobilised at Brest. The "Press Association" says that the dry-docked Scharnhorst has her bows so damaged that it is believed she will be out of commission for months. It is understood that the Gneisenau was hit amidships in an earlier raid.

The citation and award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Pilot Officer Graham Ross and Sergeant Keith Ian Street, disclosed that a direct hit with an extremely heavy bomb from an altitude of 1,000 feet was scored on one battle cruiser during the April raids.

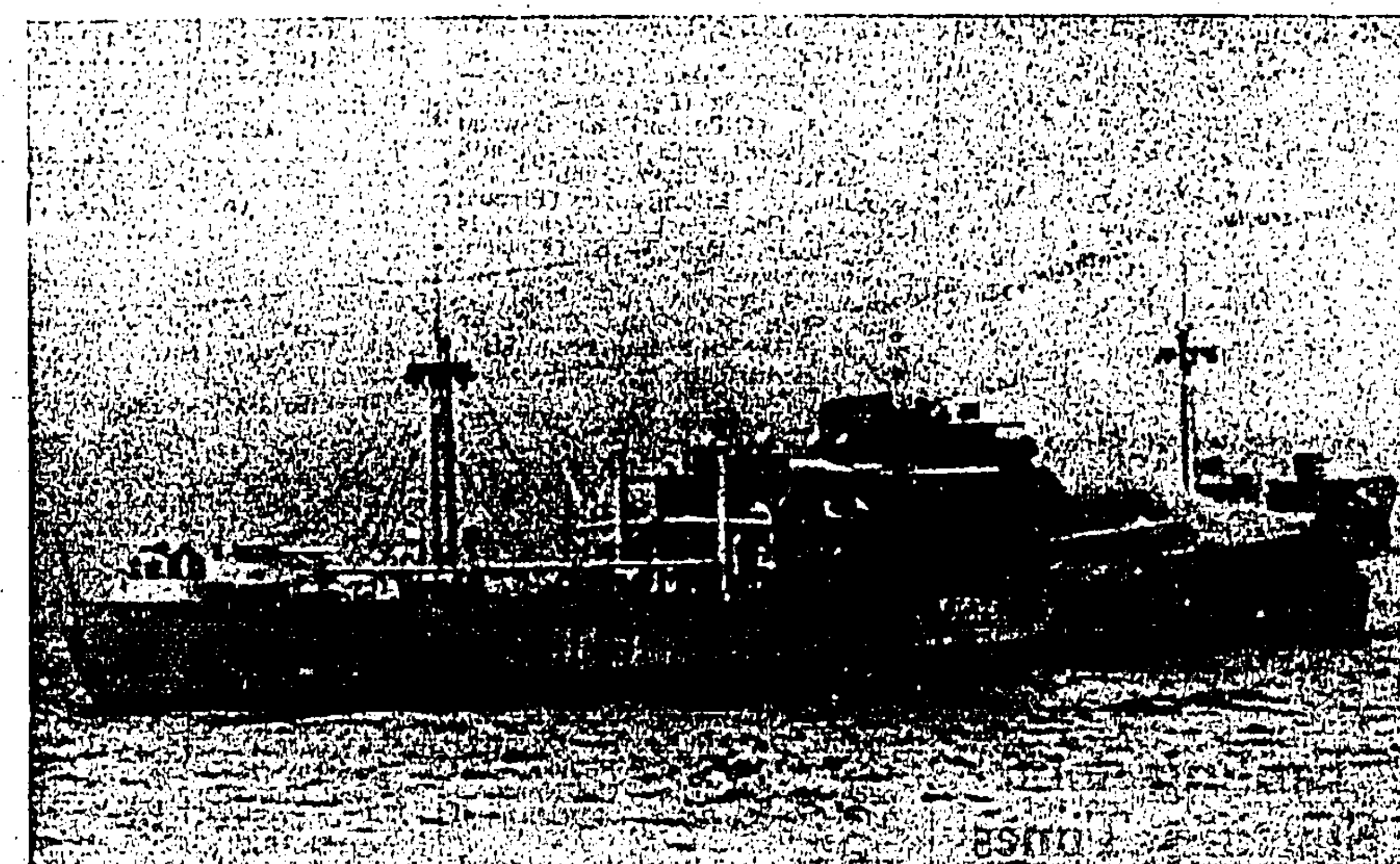
In another instance, an extremely heavy bomb burst either on a battle cruiser or on the dockside for which Pilot Officer Robert Worrell has also been cited for the D.F.C.

PAPAL PRAYERS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter). — The Pope in a letter to Cardinal Maglione, the Papal Secretary of State, exhorts the faithful this year to pray to the Holy Mother for the "restoration of peace inspired by justice and charity such as would renew brotherly feelings between nations."

INDIAN OCEAN DRAMA

These dramatic pictures, exclusive to the "Telegraph" show the Ramb I, an Italian surface raider, on fire and sinking after the ship had been successfully attacked by a British destroyer in the Indian Ocean. First picture shows the forward part of the raider well ablaze, and the other photograph was taken as the Ramb I started to settle with smoke and flames pouring from the entire vessel.



Commons Demand For More Action In War, Diplomacy & Labour

(By "Reuter's" Lobby Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 24. — The British Parliament wants an early full-dress debate on the war situation. That was made clear in the House of commons to-day. Three major points are exercising the minds of members of Parliament.

Firstly, did Mr Eden's tour of the Balkans achieve all that was possible?

Secondly, is fresh blood wanted in the Government?

Thirdly, is production sufficiently keyed up to the tempo of totalitarian war?

The former War Minister, Mr Leslie Hore-Belisha, to-day led a demand for an early statement by Mr Eden so that the House

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LATEST

Nazi Troops To Use Spain

For Attack On Gibraltar

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP). — According to a usually trustworthy non-British diplomatic source, Hitler has obtained the consent of the Spanish Government for the passage of several German divisions through Spain to Gibraltar, and possibly also Spanish Morocco.

It is believed that the Germans will pass through Spain within days or a few weeks at the most. However, British Official circles possess no information confirming this report.

The report is based on later information than that reaching another foreign embassy in London from Madrid registering the rumour that Franco agreed with Hitler and Mussolini in June 1940 for Spain to enter the war probably by the immediate occupation of Gibraltar in the event of the Axis capturing the Suez.

RUTHLESS NAZI ATTACKS

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter). — Radio Athens quotes the Ministry of Public Security in saying that many were killed and wounded when German planes bombed and set on fire the steamer Hellas carrying many passengers, including women and children travelling to various Greek islands.

The Ministry said that numerous German planes raided the districts of Piraeus, Aegina, Elliki and Megara and also attacked another ship causing serious damage.

German bombers sank the Greek hospital ship Polkos, but there were no casualties.

On Loutraki German bombers sank the hospital ship Andros with a few casualties among the crew.

German squadrons repeatedly attacked Corinth with little damage. Three planes were brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

FINAL BATTLE UNDER WAY

ZURICH, Apr. 25 (UP). —

Radio Athens says "the final and decisive battle before the door of Athens is underway. The situation is serious."

SPAIN AND THE AXIS

Expected To Join

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 24 (UP). — Radio Ankara, quoting its correspondent in Berlin, states that it is necessary to expect Spain's adherence to the tri-power pact in the very near future. It was added that a military move will be conducted against Portugal.

Spanish Border Rumour

VICHY, Apr. 24 (UP). — The French Foreign Minister declared to-day he had heard nothing regarding the closing of the French-Spanish border or that the Spanish army was being demobilised as was rumoured abroad this afternoon.

Spanish Ships Seized

ROME, Apr. 24 (UP). — The Madrid correspondent of the "Lavoro Fascista" reports that two Spanish steamers, the Cabo San Sebastian and the Urola have been seized by the British and are being held at Gibraltar.

CAPT. ROOSEVELT DUE IN MANILA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, Apr. 25 (UP). — Captain James Roosevelt, U.S.M.C. son of the President is scheduled to arrive at Cavite this afternoon on the China Clipper accompanied by Major Gerald Thomas U.S.M.C.

Mr Golden Bell, Legal Adviser to Mr Francis Sayre the High Commissioner will meet Captain Roosevelt. The final destination of Capt. Roosevelt has not yet been determined although Army and Marine quarters believe he is going to Chungking since he is due to leave on the Clipper tomorrow for Hongkong.

Bulgars Move Into Thrace

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter). —

Bulgarian troops have occupied almost the whole of Thrace between the River Maritza on the Turkish frontier and the River Struma in the west, according to a Sofia dispatch quoted by the official German news agency.

Districts of the first zone of Yugoslav Slav Macedonia are also stated to be in the course of occupation, including the towns of Prilep and Risen.

Fine Gesture By H. K. Volunteers

Subscribe Camp Pay To Bomber Fund

A splendid gesture has been made by 37 members of the Hongkong Volunteers. These men, all attached to the 2nd Battery of the H.K.V.D.C. have subscribed their camp pay for the Bomber Fund. Their donations total \$392. A cheque for this amount was received by the sponsors of the fund this morning.

Liners May Offend By Selling Meals In Port

Ruling On H.K. Food By-Law

In a written statement issued to-day Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., gave his reasons for his decision in a recent case that the public health (Food) Ordinance regarding the licensing of eating-houses and restaurants in the Colony applies also to the sale of food on boats in the Colony's waters.

The case was one in which Wong Cheung was cautioned on a summons by the Health Department for selling cooked food on a Junk at Aberdeen on March 8 without a licence from the Urban Council, and was heard by Mr Sheldon on April 21.

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- Memorable pouches
- Kings' fortress
- Hide in hand
- Cultivated plants
- Unit of length
- Two-dimensional space
- Utter loud cry
- Bill
- Tea
- Attack
- Having made will
- Little (French)
- Succession of events
- Kilometers (abbr.)
- Nervous pain
- Explosion of camera
- Flash of light
- Boiler in temper
- In the past
- Golfers' assistants
- Use oars
- Having minute perforations
- Exist as
- Kind of cotton gauze
- Unattached writer
- Those in service
- National Society of Naturalists (abbr.)
- Vacillated waxy quartz
- Provided with tuft
- Swirl on turf
- Capital in Italy
- Whiskies
- Have inclination
- Runnel entrance
- Emil guttural sound

DOWN

- Man's name
- Philippine aborigine
- Of a hundred
- Perennial woods
- Working one side
- Pertaining to open spaces
- Howl (music)
- Pair
- One of Ghoshman tribes
- Celestial regions
- Will destroy
- Former Prussian
- Editor of Grass
- Polishing device
- Individually
- And not
- Before
- French negative answer
- Couple
- Condemned to partition
- Iranian
- Balance
- Partial representative
- Last
- Coarse object
- Wear away
- Annual destroy of
- Administer extreme unction to
- Living lived longer
- Unit of energy
- Allot
- Explosive weapon

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-ACROSS: 1. Satchels, 2. Castles, 3. Pockets, 4. Gardens, 5. Yards, 6. Planes, 7. Roar, 8. Bill, 9. Tea, 10. Assault, 11. Testament, 12. Meters, 13. Neuralgia, 14. Flash, 15. Camera, 16. Spark, 17. Light, 18. Boiler, 19. Past, 20. Caddies, 21. Oars, 22. Perforated, 23. Exist, 24. Gauze, 25. Unattached, 26. Servants, 27. Society, 28. Quartz, 29. Tufted, 30. Swirl, 31. Rome, 32. Whiskies, 33. Inclination, 34. Runnel, 35. Guttural.

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1-DOWN: 1. John, 2. Igorot, 3. Hundred, 4. Deciduous, 5. Side, 6. Open, 7. Howl, 8. Pair, 9. Ghoshman, 10. Celestial, 11. Destroy, 12. Prussian, 13. Editor, 14. Polish, 15. Individual, 16. And, 17. Before, 18. French, 19. Couple, 20. Condemned, 21. Iranian, 22. Balance, 23. Representative, 24. Last, 25. Coarse, 26. Wear, 27. Annual, 28. Administer, 29. Uction, 30. Living, 31. Unit, 32. Allot, 33. Explosive.



Scene after a raid on a Midland town: youngsters salvaging what they can of their belongings from their wrecked home. Note the smiles of courage.

They Came to Manchester

By Stuart B. Jackman

DO YOU REMEMBER MANCHESTER? The rain, the soot, the business men with their bowler hats and their neatly rolled umbrellas, and the tram? Do you remember those narrow little alley-ways, paved with rough cobblestones and perpetually running with muddy water, which were so proudly and so mistakenly called streets? And the heavy wagons with great wooden wheels and thick curved shafts, and the patient might of the huge shire horses that pulled them so willingly and so tirelessly through the endless maze of smoke-stained buildings round Shudehill? Do you remember the grim majesty of the office blocks and the ponderous activity of the warehouses, the dark beauty of the Cathedral and the darker gleam of the river?

Remember Manchester? Of course you do. Dear, dirty old Manchester, sitting stolidly in its smoke and its rain, with an expression of grim determination and a heart as warm as the taprooms of the little taverns which nestle down together in the Shambles.

Manchester, the curse of the Ministry of Health, the despair of the architect, the salvation of the umbrella trade.

Every self-respecting Manchester man carries an umbrella. In the Midlands and the South an umbrella is a cumbersome necessity, something to be carried furtively under the arm and deposited with joy at the merest suspicion of sunshine. In Yorkshire it is a luxury, in Oxford an affection, in Edinburgh an impossibility. Not so in Manchester.

The Manchester man carries his umbrella with the pride and the courtliness of a dandy. When he has sold his quota of cotton he goes marching down Piccadilly with the air of a drum major, swinging his umbrella and whistling. When he is in a tight corner he stands at his bus-stop with it planted firmly between his feet and his hands crossed decisively over the handle. One can almost see the words "They shall not pass" picked out on the building behind him.

But when it is raining the umbrella really reaches its finest hour, or rather day, for Manchester rain is notoriously persistent. The streets become a black, shining mass of umbrellas, and your business man hurries through the struggling crowd on his way to the bus with incredible speed and agility.

The Londoner in a crowd with an open umbrella is like a parachutist who lands in the sea; the

Manchester man is a second Blon-din.

Hold on to your memories, then, if you treasure the Manchester that was. Hold fast to the old sights and the old ways, the smoke and the rain and the strong tide of commercial life. On the night of Sunday, December 22, 1940, "they" came to Manchester.

When they came to Manchester it was dark and very still. The city was sleeping, somewhat fitfully, in the peace of the early evening. In the churches the benedictions had been pronounced and the people sent on their way.

A City On Fire

The drone was very distant and very quiet, but menacing. The watchers got ready and waited in a tense silence. Looking down from their roof-tops, they could see the dim outlines of the Cathedral, the hotels, the great stations, and on up the quiet lengths of Deansgate and Market Street, where the shops lay shrouded in dust-sheets and the little taverns dreamed their dreams in dark pools of shadow. This was the Manchester we knew. This was our city, and we loved it.

The first crash brought the city to its feet with a start, only to fall back again blinded by the glare of fire and deafened by the roar of guns. Flying high against the stars, they looked down and saw Manchester choking and sprawling in the smoke and furiously fighting back the terror of the fires. They looked and saw the river gleaming dully in the glare, and, swooping down, they dropped their cargo of destruction into the heart of the blaze. They looked and saw the Cathedral standing on the river bank, and racing towards it they saw nothing but smoke and the fierce hunger of the fire.

Everywhere Destruction!

Manchester was a city of flame and thunder. The great fires burnt like torches and the old places went roaring up to the sky in a torrent of heat and smoke. Steel and brick, stone and timber crashed down to the very foundations of the city. The streets were like rivers of fire, the buildings were lighter than they had been for months. A great light came over the city and fled hand in hand with Death through the little alley-ways and by-ways, up stone staircases and over black-stained roofs, into church and theatre alike, into hotels and warehouses, into shops and into homes.

And everywhere was a great noise such as Manchester had never heard before. And every-

The Changes

Manchester is slowly getting on to its bruised and battered feet again. But there are a lot of changes. There is much of Manchester that will never be the same that has been destroyed for all time that will never be resurrected. Perhaps it is as well, for it really was a terribly inconvenient city and out of date in its planning. But we, the people of Manchester, can get sentimental over a few hundred smoke-blackened bricks and a score or so of very dirty windows. We are a hard-headed lot in the main. Thank God for that now! But our hearts are as warm as the next man's, and we loved the grim ugliness which was our city.

Against the rise the gaunt walls and broken gables of the city's oldest firms. In the hollow by the river the broken Cathedral raises black Gothic arms to heaven in a gesture of mute suffering. Some of the streets have been cleared and reopened, and down these flows the busy life of the city, going grimly on its way, looking and mending, assessing and condemning, but round the corner is a dead street, with piles of rubble and crumbling walls where gaping holes call mutely to gaping holes in desolation down the shattered front of the Royal Exchange.

New Hopes

But the trams are still running and the Manchester folk are still there. Umbrellas are out and standing stoutly up to rough usage. Business men are hopping about among the rubble, poking with their fingers and tapping inquisitively with their handles. Nobody seems to be swinging them, though. Still, here is the essence of Manchester, the trams and the pale, determined men and women. The grey sky can cloak many things. It is only when the pall lifts and the sun slips through that it becomes terribly obvious that one can see the sky through roofs that are no more and daylight through the walls that were once so dark.

And so they came to Manchester and robbed us and left us. Left us our Manchester courage and our Manchester doggedness, left us our umbrella and our smoke and soot. Left us, Manchester people, a little paler, perhaps a little more determined, but still essentially the same. To-day we go into the city with our new problems and our new hopes; to-night we will come home on our usual tram, with our umbrella neatly folded, our paper, and our cheery chatter with the conductor. We still have these things. We are still Manchester. From the "Manchester Guardian."

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WORTHY OF SUPPORT

A correspondent to-day puts forward a suggestion for raising a quick and substantial contribution towards the Bomber Fund. His idea—the voluntary donating of 25 per cent. of one month's salary by Britons—is not novel; it has been employed by Hollanders in the N.E.I. Its chief merits are that it constitutes a spontaneous and generous gesture, and if adopted by 100 per cent. of Britons in Hongkong, will net a considerable sum of money, certainly many lakhs.

One possible complaint will be that again the same people, who in the past have given as generously as they felt capable, will be asked to put their hands deep into their pockets, while many others, who have ignored their obligations, will continue to do so. To a certain extent this is true, but it is reasonable to hope that a lead such as this will encourage the less public spirited members of the community to come forward and do their share.

To expect a man to contribute at one time 25 per cent. of his month's salary may sound rather forbidding. But the correspondent mooted this scheme has wisely suggested the qualification that where a man has family remittances to make, these should first be deducted and the 25 per cent. contribution made from the residue. In this way a man will be making a personal sacrifice for one month, but not at the expense of his dependents. For those who put the proposal into effect, it will mean sacrificing some pleasures and luxuries for a month, or possibly longer, but this is the sort of giving which has become part and parcel of people's lives in England to-day, and they fulfil their obligations not only willingly, but joyfully, treating it as a privilege to accomplish something vital for a great cause.

Our correspondent has advanced a constructive suggestion, and everything possible should be done to bring it within the bounds of practicability for everyone. Thus, if a person felt he could not afford to part with 25 per cent. of a month's salary at one time, he could, through a "promise to pay", make his contribution in two instalments. Business houses could encourage their staffs by offering to assume the responsibility of collecting; donations could be deducted from salary cheques, in one or more instalments,

HE has to plan VICTORY

High altitudes are cold. This is as true of high offices of State as it is of mountain tops. The man at the head of a fighting service has reached the military summit and finds himself alone. There is room only for one on this pointed peak. Others, until recently his companions in the ascent, are now left some distance below, and they still enjoy the warmth and protection afforded by a crowd. He has no shelter from the cold winds of criticism: the voices of his advisers come up to him fitfully from the lower slopes, and sometimes reach him in the confused roar of contrary opinions. He alone must make the decisions on which military plans will be based and on which thousands of lives will depend.

If his decisions are sound, and the results successful, those who proffered advice can share in the warmth of popular approval. If to shoulder a burden failure ensues, the man on the height must meet unflinching disapproval, while his advisers on the lower slopes are sheltered by the contours of the hill.

Lonely Eminence

The position occupied by the Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the War Office is as cold and lonely as any position in the State. The time in his chilly chair, since history has been written, has in declared, and Lord Gort times of peace always gladly vacated it to be a Cinderella, even come Commander-in-



Chief of the British Expeditionary Force.

Let us pass to May 26, 1940, when General Sir John Dill became C.I.G.S. The Norwegian expedition had come to its sad but gallant end; Boulogne had fallen three days before, and Calais was about to suffer the same fate; the B.E.F., battered but not bettered, was struggling slowly back to the beaches at Dunkirk. Has a soldier ever assumed supreme military respon-

where he was brought into the closest touch with problems affecting possible operations in every country in the world. On promotion to lieutenant-general he vacated this important post, but before he had time for more than a few weeks' rest he was hurriedly sent to Palestine in command of the two divisions quickly made available there. This country was thus being denuded of the troops most ready for war.

In Palestine he obtained at first hand an insight into Middle East conditions. He was then appointed to the Aldershot Command, the most important executive home. All seemed set fair for the highest post in due

A Study of General Sir John Dill Chief of the Imperial General Staff

— By —

Lt-Gen. Sir Douglas Brownrigg

sibility at a sterner moment in the history of the British Army?

The passage of events brought him no relief. It is true that the miracle of Dunkirk saved seven-eighths of the British Expeditionary Force. But all its equipment was gone. The 51st Highland Division went down fighting at St Valery, and a few days later France signed an Armistice. It was a terrible moment for the C.I.G.S.

Sir John Dill finished the last war as a brigadier-general on the General Staff at the age of thirty-seven. He then held a series of appointments which promised to bring him to the highest position in the Army. He commanded a brigade at Aldershot, had a brigadier's appointment on the General Staff in India, was the first military instructor at the newly open Imperial Defence College, and was appointed Commandant of the Staff College.

In Palestine

From there he was moved to the key post on the General Staff at the War Office as Director of Military Operations and Intelligence,

course, when in 1937 a new Secretary of State for War arrived at the War Office with new ideas. The upper age limit for high command was drastically reduced, and one younger and junior to himself was chosen to be C.I.G.S.

Fate Intervenes

Sir John Dill seemed now to be shut out from the position for which the whole career had been a preparation. On the outbreak of war he went to France in command of the Second Corps. Fate then gave a twist to the wheel, and he found himself where he might well have been months before, but in very altered circumstances.

By a great effort of work and will he seems to have overcome the disadvantages he inherited in that position. His whole training has taught him to look ahead and not be led astray by any form of opportunism. As an example of long-distance planning we may recall the Prime Minister's statement in the House of Commons when he told us that the tanks and guns for General Wavell's December battles left this country in July and August for Egypt, travelling via the Cape. That far-seeing act could only have been the result of General Dill's decision that the risk should be taken. He was right, but what if he had been wrong?

Seeing Ahead

As another example of seeing ahead, I mention an incident which occurred in France. Early in September, 1939, I was talking to General Dill at the Bourse de Commerce at Le Mans, which housed a portion of G.H.Q. during the period of concentration in the forward area. Indulging in the wishful thinking that was so popular in the early days of the war, I was speculating on the difficulties confronting Hitler, still engaged in Poland and with the winter ahead of him—difficulties, I mean, in staging an attack against France.

Sir John Dill's reply was simple: "It is only a question of whether Hitler launches a full-scale attack with one hundred divisions this autumn or waits till the spring to do it with two hundred." And it was so!

Successful generals in the field get the glory which is their just due, and the troops have the joy of achievement, but few give a thought to the soldier at the War Office who neither seeks nor expects recognition for his share in the victories. But it is first and foremost General Sir John Dill who in seven months has raised the Army at home from a state of comparative nakedness and doubt to one of readiness and confidence, and has had the courage to take great risks in supplying the Army overseas with the sinews of victory.

—TURKEY NEXT?—

A few months before the outbreak of war I spent a short time in Turkey, and it was then that I first understood why Germany, if she ever bullied her way through the Balkans, would receive a rude shock when she tried conclusions with the Turks.

I recall a long and interesting conversation with the editor of a leading newspaper in Ankara. "Would you," I said, "compare Kemal Ataturk with Mussolini or Hitler?"

He looked rather shocked, and I realised too late that there are blunders which are worse than crimes.

"The Ghazi," he said, "is in a different category. He was our leader, not because he wasted our energies, but because he proved his personal courage and generalship in the field. We trusted him, and he always proved worthy of a nation's confidence."

I visited the new institutions of the new capital, the Agricultural College, the School of Art, the factories, and I was not sur-

prised to meet German experts as technicians and professors. Some made no secret of Nazi sympathies; some were ostensibly refugees. Just previously, at an international conference, I had met an intelligent young Brazilian from Rio Grande do

man past ought to remember the words of Tiberius Gracchus, 21 centuries ago: "It is for the sake of other men's wealth and luxury that Italians go to the wars and give their lives. They are called Lords of the World, and they have not a single clod of earth to call their own."

And now Turkey is to be the next victim. "Let the Ghazi, and his successors, create a new Turkey, and, I, Hitler, will flatter him for it—and take it."

Mussolini once informed the world that he was not a collector of deserts. Your real robber-tyrant isn't. He is a collector of other people's countries, uneasiness. I could not help wondering if another "protective occupation" was not being then prepared in Turkey. It seemed a far cry from Porto Alegre to Anatolia, but Nazism is the same, east and west, and Turkey lying on the main road to both to Egypt and to the oil-fields is a useful country to "protect."

And the cunning of it all was clear. Wherever some brave ports, should be written off as general, some architect of national achievement, some shrewd and far-sighted statesman had been in the wind, she began to win new wealth for her country, show her suspicions of the Nazism's covetous eyes found it technicians. Now she is stiff-out. Let someone else discover fending her back and looking her the mine, Nazism will collect adversary in the face. Her at the gold. Mussolini is finding it is suggestive, if independent to his cost. But a man so dence and national dignity are fascinated by the glorious Ro-

By John Daly

HEAVY TAXATION FOR AMERICANS

"Pay As You Go" System

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (UP).—The Treasury Department today suggested to Congress that it triple non-defence expenditures and raise \$3,600,000,000 in new revenue by drastic surtaxes on all middle lower and middle class incomes, with a general increase in all other taxes.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. John Sullivan, presented the proposal after Mr. Henry Morgenthau had said that the proposed taxes were a "small price" for defence and national freedom.

"Pay As You Go"

Mr. Morgenthau asserted that economy could be effected in farm aid. He said the plan would enable the government to "pay as you go" for a responsible proportion of the expenditures which would aggregate in the next fiscal year, about \$19,000,000,000 of which \$12,000,000,000 would be raised by taxes.

The plan was designed to distribute the burden equally on all sections of the people and "also help to mobilize resources by reducing the amount of money the public can spend on comparatively less important things. It is designed to prevent general price rises."

He declared that the total defence programme, including the Lend and Lease Bill, now totals \$39,000,000,000.

Variety of Taxes

The tax plan asks for a minimum of 11 per cent surtax on taxable income in addition to a special defence and normal income tax rates; new corporate surtaxes, luxury taxes, higher estate, gift, beer, tobacco and liquor taxes. The new levies would include telephone, rail, bus, plane and ship ticket taxes. It is estimated that the present and proposed taxes will consume about 24 per cent of the national income.

"Small Price To Pay"

NEW YORK, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—A "small price to pay for American security" was the description given by Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, of the request to Congress for \$350,000,000 in new taxes for greater defence production. In a formal statement to the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Morgenthau said: "We are faced with a greater challenge than any in the history of the Republic. It calls for a much greater response than is yet made. The American people are prepared to make such a response willingly."

"How much is it worth to be free men living in a free land? The American people are willing to pay that price."

Not Ordinary Times

Mr. Morgenthau added: "We simply cannot carry on business as usual and the Government as usual from now on and still take adequate care of our defence needs. It will be a tragic error to assume that we can expand our defence production on a colossal scale and still go on our usual way, as the Government or individuals."

He made no specific recommendations how the new taxes should be raised but he said: "The new taxes

Advantages of Tax
Mr. Morgenthau said that the tax programme (1) Presented the method of "paying as you go" for a reasonable proportion of expenditure; (2) Was designed so that all sections of the people would bear a fair share of the burden; (3) Would help the United States resources for defence by reducing the amount of money spendable on less important things; (4) Was designed to prevent a general rise of prices by keeping purchasing power from out-running production.

ANTI-CHINESE FEELING IN PANAMA

Indicative of the National Government's concern over the anti-Chinese sentiment in Panama, Mr. Chow Chien-kan, Vice-Chairman of the Overseas Affairs Commission and concurrently Special Overseas Commissioner, who arrived in Hongkong from Chungking a few days ago, will shortly receive the Chinese who have been forced to return to Hongkong from the Central American country and enquire about the true conditions of overseas Chinese there. It is understood that over 100 Chinese in Panama have returned to Hongkong in the past few weeks as a result of anti-Chinese feelings there arising from the adoption of a law prohibiting the entry of Chinese into that country and depriving the Chinese born there of their nationality rights.

BOMBS ON KENT

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Bombs were dropped in Kent early this morning by single enemy aircraft, causing a few casualties. The damage was not extensive. This is all the enemy activity over this country during daylight to-day reported by the Air Ministry.

Canadian Output Of War Supplies

TORONTO, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Canada's aircraft orders for 1941 were approximately \$100,000,000, stated Mr. C. D. Howe, the Minister of Munitions, in an interview here to-day.

He added: "New plants opening for production are increasing steadily. We are doing all right now. We have managed to iron out a lot of our transport difficulties and within the next few months, our plants will be turning out immense quantities of war supplies. Even now they are turning out thousands of tons of supplies."

Anzac Day Messages To Gallant Troops & Leaders

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Inspiring messages in connection with the observance of Anzac Day on April 25 have been exchanged by notable Anzac leaders of the last war. The most outstanding of these was that sent by the much-idolised leader, Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, who is known to all "Diggers" as "Birdie."

In a message to Mr. A. W. Fadden, Acting Australian Prime Minister, he said: "Anzac Day this year will, I know, bring with it to my old comrades some mixed feelings—feelings of intense and most justifiable pride at the truly magnificent work carried out with almost incredible success by our new Australian Imperial Force comrades—and anxiety on the part of those who have near relations once more in close touch with the treacherous enemy."

"We are told that we are fighting to maintain democracy in the face of a cruel and entirely unjustifiable attack on it by the totalitarian Powers, but it goes much deeper than that. We are upholding Christianity from the brutal attacks of paganism which would set up Adolf Hitler in the place of a dethroned Christ. That we will never tolerate or permit."

"Accept my devout and sincerest wishes to my old comrades for the complete victory which I have, not the least doubt will be ours, even though very great difficulties and steep roads may be before us. May God bless the people of Australia through everything."

Fadden's Reply

Acknowledging Lord Birdwood's message, Mr. Fadden replied: "Many thanks for your telegram which has been communicated to the Federal President of the Returned Soldiers' League (veterans of the last war). Your old comrades will, I am sure, greatly appreciate your confidence that complete victory for the Empire cause in the present conflict will be achieved in spite of many great difficulties and anxieties."

Lord Birdwood also telegraphed to Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Blamey, G.O.C. of the A.I.F. in the Middle East: "I am indeed delighted to know that our old Anzac Corps has again been formed as such. Please

give kind greetings and every possible good wish for the greatest successes to one and all in the great old Corps throughout whatever may be before you. You can never fail."

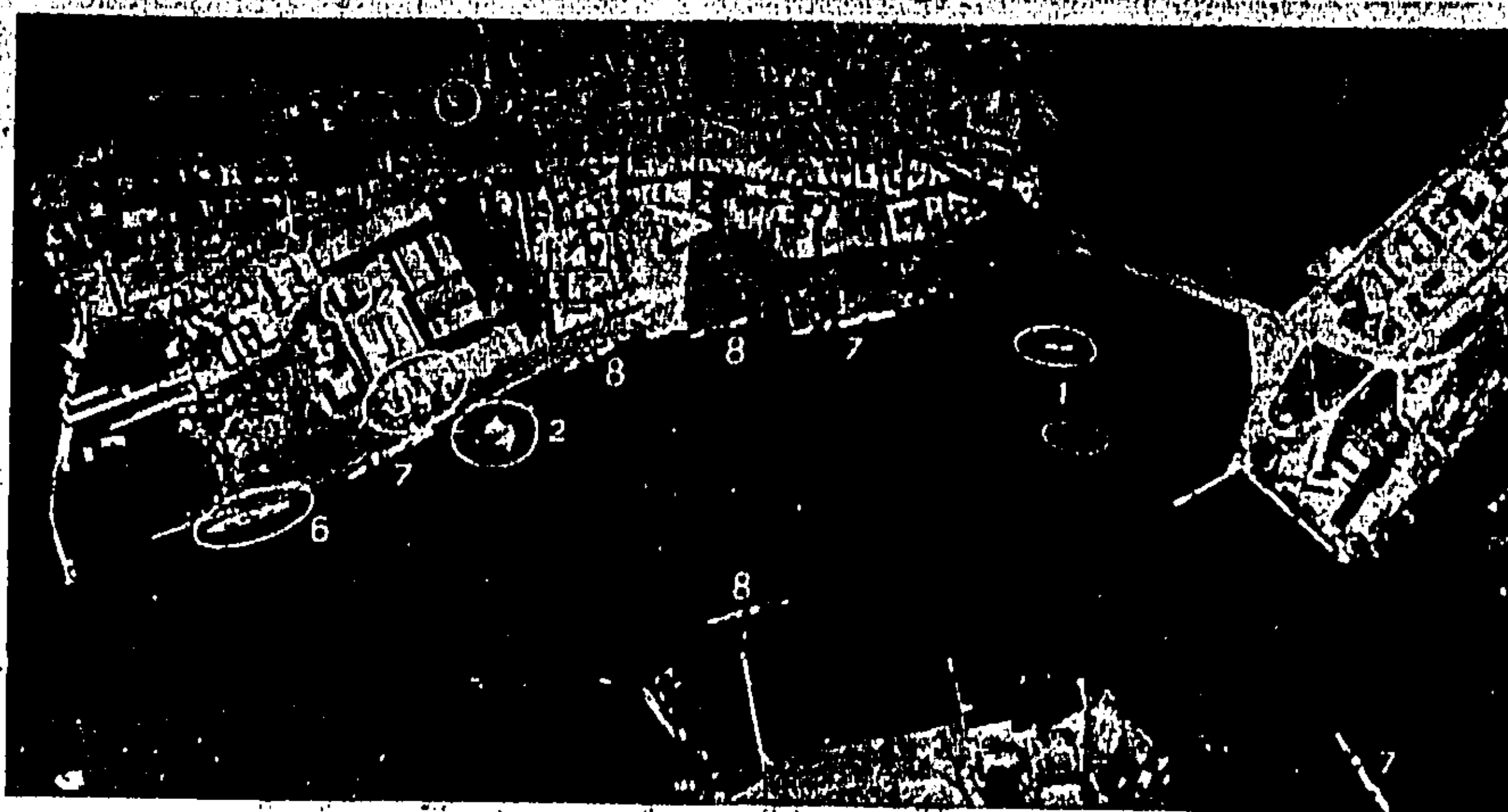
Australian Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, now engaged in the closing stages of his mission in London, cabled General Blamey: "On the anniversary of Anzac Day, I send greetings to you and your gallant men. You are all magnificently carrying on the Anzac tradition of supreme courage in the face of odds, and Australia's history is enriched by your deeds. Accept for yourself congratulations on your appointment (as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Middle East). Our great confidence in you has been more than justified. We are all grateful to you."

Menzies To Deputy
Mr. Menzies has cabled to Mr. Fadden: "Please convey to the Australian people on this anniversary of Anzac Day that I am proud to be able, as Prime Minister, to share the emotions of a nation which remembers with pride not only the great service of the Australians in the last war but the magnificent devotion of our men in this war. We must all try to be worthy of their sacrifice. We owe to our fighting men all our support and our undivided efforts."

Sir Alexander Godley, Commander-in-Chief of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the last war, was telegraphed to General Blamey: "May victory rest with you and your gallant troops in the grim struggle which you are waging on Anzac anniversary."

Local Ceremony

His Excellency Major-General A. E. Grasett, General Officer Commanding, was among those who attended the wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph this morning in commemoration of Anzac Day. The wreath was laid by Mr. D. A. Murdoch and Mr. T. G. Stokes, Acting President and Hon. Secretary respectively of the Australian and New Zealand Association, and amongst those present were Sir-Lieut. McGovern, Capt. and Mrs. A. Kella, Rev. H. Wilt, Mr. G. C. Burnett, Petty Officer H. Kennard, Capt. St John (A.D.C. to General Grasett), Messrs A. K. Diamond, O. A. Smith, D. W. Hume, H. Brokenshire, and J. G. McKenna.



DIRECT HITS

This interesting photograph was taken during a raid by the R.A.F. on Massawa and gives clear proof of the damage done. (1) bombs falling towards the target (2) direct hit on a ship (3) direct hit on a quayside shed (4) shed badly damaged (5) building completely demolished (6) sloop (7 and 8) destroyers of the Leone and Saure Class.

NEW H.K. JUDGE ARRIVES

Mr. Paul Ewart Francis Cressall has arrived in Hongkong to take up his appointment as Puisne Judge in the Supreme Court. Mr. Cressall is taking the place of the late Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell.

Mr. Cressall was one of the four British Presidents of the District Court, Palestine. He was born in 1893 and was educated at Cranleigh School. He entered the civil service in 1911 when he was posted to British Guiana and attached to the Police.

On the outbreak of the 1914 war, Mr. Cressall became a lieutenant in the British Guiana Militia Infantry and served as captain with the British West Indies Regiment in East Africa and Palestine from 1915 to 1919, being awarded the Military Cross.

After the war, he returned to British Guiana and was once more attached to the Police. He passed his final law examination in 1921 and was called to the bar at Gray's Inn in 1923. After occupying various positions in the police and judicial departments of the Colony, he eventually rose to be chief stipendiary magistrate, in which post he acted as chairman of several Royal Commissions.

Mr. Cressall went to Palestine as senior British Magistrate in 1931 and was appointed to the District Court in 1933.

Defences Of India

Aerial Survey

SIMLA, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Commander-in-Chief, Lieut-General Sir Claude Auchinleck, has just completed a lightning tour of the North-Western Frontier areas bordering southeastern Afghanistan, doing considerable distance by air. From Peshawar, he went to Jamrud and Ludkhota, where he inspected the fortified heights, of which a typical example is the Spinatula Peak, 5,000 feet high, dominating the whole of Khyber and giving a commanding view far into Afghanistan.

In these fortified zones, the scheme of defence was explained in detail by the officers concerned. His Excellency also flew to Thal, 50 miles southwest of Kohat, and viewed the fortifications from Kurram Piquet and received a description of the scheme of defence.

From Thal, he flew to Kohat, where he met officers of the R.A.F. at their Kohat Headquarters. He also inspected a unit of the Observer Corps.

RATES ON OIL

As from to-day the rates on Oil, non-essential in bulk, barrels, casks or drums to Pacific Coast and Overland delivery will be U.S.\$10 per 2,000 lbs, according to a notice to shippers issued by the Pacific Freight Bureau. The old rate was U.S.\$17, and the rise in cost is in accordance with a general rise in the cost of commodities.

Ship Takes Wrong Course

Master Is Fined At Court

Captain F. C. Thyssen, master of a steamer, was fined \$30 by Comdr. T. C. Stiff at the Marine Court this morning for disobeying the lawful orders of the Harbour Master by allowing his ship to proceed inside a marking buoy and the south shore of Lamma Island.

Capt. Thyssen pleaded guilty and said that he had not seen the buoy. He had not seen the notice to mariners about it. Sub-Inspector Olivier said that the ship had passed to the north of the buoy making for Canton.

More Australian Troops Arrive in Singapore

SINGAPORE, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—The Australian Imperial Force in Malaya is now complete in every detail with the arrival at the naval base of further considerable reinforcements this afternoon.

The reinforcements are auxiliaries to those troops already here and are as fit and cheerful as the main body of Australians which preceded them in February to safeguard the defence of Malaya in the event of war in the Far East.

They were met by prominent naval, military and air force officers headed by the C-in-C, Far East, Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Major General Bennett, G.O.C. Australian troops in Malaya, has sent a message of greeting from the A.I.F. to the President of the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia, in which he said: "Should war come to Malaya, you may be assured that the Second Australian Imperial Force stationed here will strain every sinew to maintain the high standard set them by their fathers in Gallipoli, Palestine, France and Belgium."

The troops arriving to-day were bringing over with good spirits and greeted their native welcome with showers of Australian pennies, apples and packets of cigarettes. The cigarettes were eagerly grabbed by native dock workers since there is a temporary shortage of cigarettes here.

An Invader's Impression Of Foochow

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOOCHOW, Apr. 24 (Dornel).—The Japanese occupation of Foochow, capital of Fukien Province, found all foreign properties in Nantai, new town of Foochow, intact except the Japanese Consulate which was burnt. The Chinese characters written on the walls of the gutted building read, "Destroyed by fire in 1938."

The Chinese who remained in the city despite military operations remarked that a rice riot broke out in Foochow on March 25. Even now rice is quoted at as high as \$3 or \$4 per pound with 200 people reportedly starving to death daily.

Meanwhile, restored to normal, the foreign settlement in Nantai where 90 per cent of the foreign interests in Foochow are concentrated is operating as usual despite the entry of Japanese troops yesterday. Business houses and schools are functioning as usual and foreign men and women are seen on the streets.

The settlement is located along the Min River with various foreign consulates, churches, banks, schools and company buildings standing bold against green hills.

Another Mighty Battleship For Royal Navy Completed

("Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

LONDON, Apr. 24.—I have just inspected the Prince of Wales, Great Britain's second new super-battleship to be completed since the war began and now added to the Royal Navy.

She is one of the world's most formidable fighting units and has been made virtually unsinkable by sub-divisioning of the interior by watertight bulkheads. Damage can thus be quickly isolated.

Such is the present speed of technical advance in the British Navy that the new ship has several new devices additional to those in the King George V, her sister ship, although only a short time separates their completion dates.

Each of her gun turrets weighs more than many a small warship. Her big guns, if fired simultaneously, could deliver 15,000 lbs of shell. The six forward guns alone can fire 9,630 lbs.

The thickness of the deck armour is a secret but it is calculated to resist very heavy bombs.

I sailed in the ship during her trials. Her speed is another secret but it is around 30 knots. The comfort of officers and men has been well considered. The former have cabins fitted with running hot and cold water, built-in electric fires and furniture.

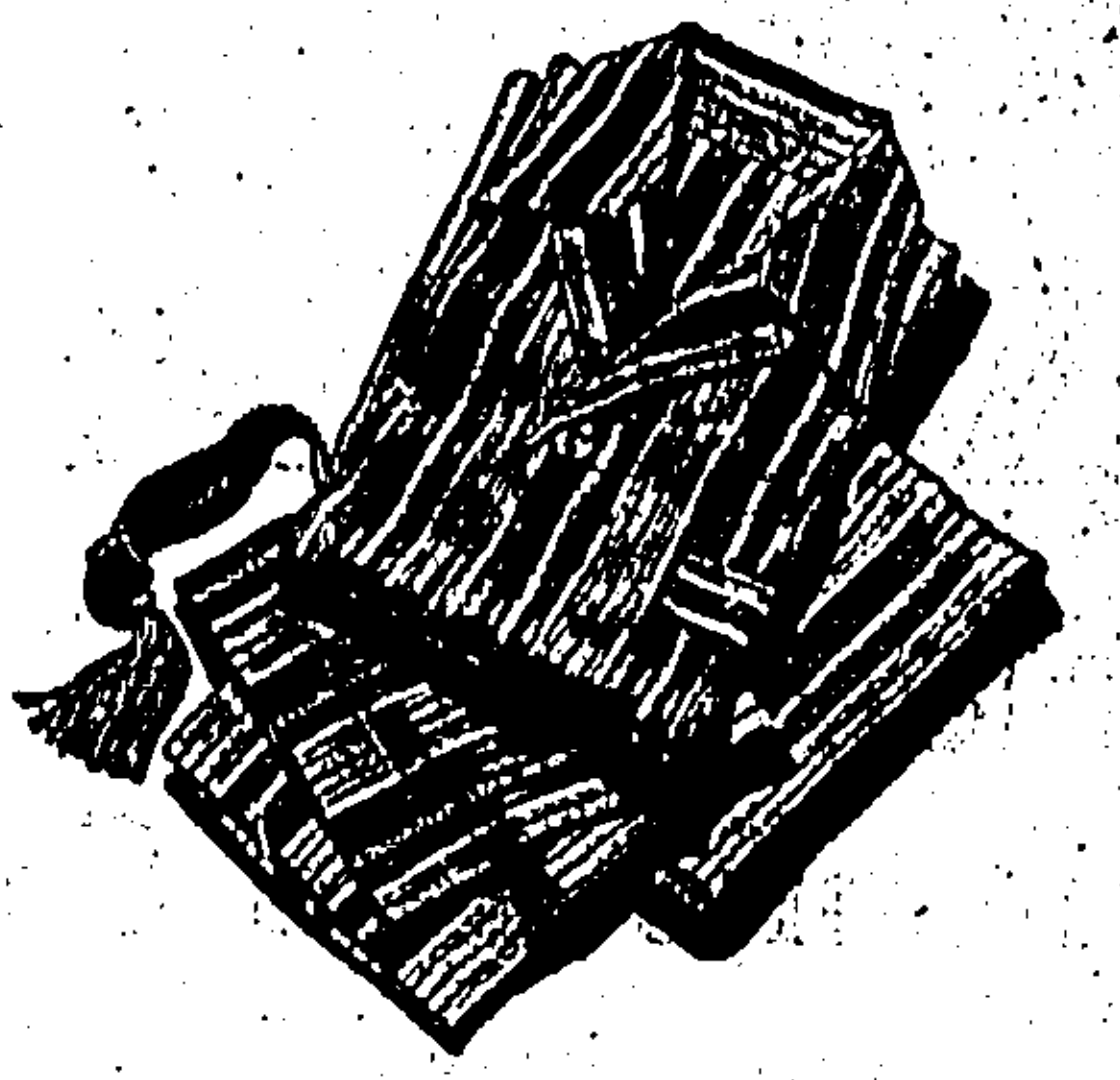
Eire Assists Belfast

BELFAST, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Paying tribute to the assistance sent by Eire to ease the position in Belfast after the recent heavy German air raid, Mr. McDermott, the Public Security Minister, told the Ulster House of Commons that "It was above and beyond politics. It was based on common humanity and we in the six counties accept and acknowledge it as such."

U. S. Transport May Return With Cargo

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The United States troop transport Republic which arrived here three days ago with more than 2,000 troops, has sailed for an unknown destination. It is believed that the vessel will call at Davao to load a cargo of hemp.

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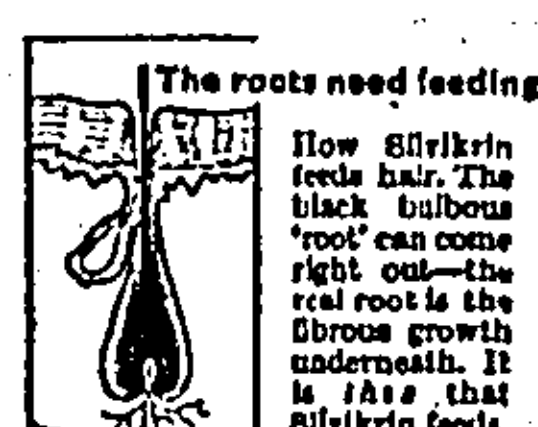


Read Mr. Brett's letter below — the photograph shows what a fine head of hair he has now

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Yours truly,
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"Captain Foster's" Racing Review

Altered Conditions For St George's Plate

Now Confined To "B" Class China Ponies And Stake Money Doubled

THERE WAS NO CELEBRATION of a St George's dance this year on account of the war, but the St George's Plate (a handicap for China ponies) is the principal event of the Fourth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow, first saddling bell at 1.30 p.m.

In The Interest Of Owners

In view of the poor entries received last year (only seven nominations) from China pony griffins for the above classic event, the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have decided after due consideration to confine the St George's Plate to China pony "B" class raters, and have thus taken another step forward in the interest of owners.

The first prize stake money has been doubled from \$750 to \$1,500, with the addition of a silver trophy presented by the St George's Society.

The change has drawn no less than 16 of the best "B" class China ponies and we are assured not only a good field but a big fight for "John Bull's Plate" over a distance of 1 1/4 miles.

There are, in addition, nine other interesting contests, and racing will be up to the usual standard. The fields will in all probability be up to full strength as entries have been on a generous scale.

The presence of His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote coupled with others wearing dark blue and khaki uniforms will no doubt add colour to the Meeting.

Opening Event

THE Taimoshan Handicap will be the opening event for "D" class China ponies over a course from the two mile post, once round and in.

It will be remembered that at the Easter session this class of racers was divided into two sections with novices in the saddle, but the merging of the two into one division to be ridden by experienced jockeys makes it hard to spot the winner.

After his fine show in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (first section) Blue Field heads the list of handicaps, and the issue at stake is whether he can give 9 lb. to Strathannock, who was unlucky to be nosed out by Celtic Star for third position in the frame.

The answer to this question is simple. Perusing the form book I found that Strathannock has had a few successes with Mr Black in the saddle, and should the champion

jockey decide to take Mr Macgregor's candidate out, the combination is worth the investment. Eve of Hunting is dangerous.

THE DAILY DOUBLE

Broken Hill H'cap (First Section)

Open Contest For "B" Class Australians

THE FIRST LEG of the daily double event is on the Broken Hill Handicap (first section) for Australian "B" class ponies, and the run is over one and a quarter miles. I think the contest is very open.

However, Starlight put up a poor show in the Calliope Handicap (first section), but Clire's candidate has been let in with a reduction of 7 lb. and he may atone for his failure.

How good A Happy Time (winner) will be against Starlight to-morrow, is a matter for speculation.

The Nineteenth Hole started three times with a win, but her public performances do not tell us very much. The mare by Pentheus is related to Never-Never who annexed the Warrego Plate over two miles, and this alone is sufficient indication that Golf's griffin can last the distance.

She is worth following and so is Colonna who ran second to Starlight in the Stewards' Cup.

Charters Towers Stakes

Mountain View Should Win

MY BEST THREE for the Charters Towers Stakes over the mile are Mountain View with Iron Belle and Nomine Poenne in the rear ranks.

Miss Chalfont has not as yet been out, and she is looking much better and the mare is a nice animal, but I don't think she is ready.

St Kilda Stakes (First Section)

Sprint For The Koala Bear

I HAD ALWAYS thought that The Koala Bear was more of a sprinter than a miler, and I am glad to see that the bay of Messrs Tester and Abraham will have a go at the St Kilda Stakes (first section) over six furlongs.

This race is the second leg of the daily double event, and my fancy is for The Koala Bear with Newborn Star and Bendigo to follow behind.

Koala Stakes (Second Section)

Opposition For Tien Tien From Three Sources

IT WOULD BE IDLE to pretend that Tien Tien will not have much opposition in the Koala Stakes (second section) for non-winning 1941 Australian subscription ponies over 1 1/4 miles, because the mare finished a good fourth in a field of 13 runners in the Coolgardie Stakes (first section) at the Easter.

Though I admit that the mare has a golden opportunity of claiming first prize, we must not overlook the chances of Crack Shot, Double Dutch and Look See.

Last Saturday, Crack Shot was given a mile spin and the mare came out of the test with flying colours. She covered the circuit in 2.02 1/2, romping home in 29 1/2 seconds for the last quarter.

An Unknown Double Dutch save that he had one official outing at the Easter meeting. The bay by Triple Seal was sent over the champion course last Saturday in 2.37 for 1 1/4 miles, but she was put out of gear after the pilot on board was erratic in his judgment of pace with the result

P.H. Wong In Badminton Singles Final

M.P. Yoong Folds Up In Second Game

Gallant Resistance By M.A. Oliveira in Mixed Doubles

(By "Tinker")

PATRICK WONG entered the final of the Badminton Singles Championship at the Kowloon C.C. last night, when he beat M. P. Yoong in two straight games, and will now defend his title against K. W. Choy. But of the semi-final matches on last night's programme, outstanding was that of the Mixed Doubles in which M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva were bowed out by P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo.

Oliveira was in great form, and offered the utmost resistance to the end. His great-hearted play throughout gained the repeated applause of the large crowd.

Results in brief were:

SENIOR SINGLES

P. H. Wong beat M. P. Yoong 17-16, 15-3.

MIXED DOUBLES

P. K. Hooi and Miss U. Khoo beat M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva 15-10, 13-15, 15-4.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier beat T. S. Young and K. Fung 15-12, 15-8.

YOONG'S collapse in the second game was surprising in view of his great recovery in the first when he drew up from 2-10 to 14-11. He simply caved in and offered the slightest of resistance, and it was in great contrast to the previous display by M. A. Oliveira. This was most apparent when Wong had established a 10-0 lead.

Wong, in comparison, never had his tail down. Not even when, after the game had been settled at 3, Yoong had taken 2-0 lead. He fully deserved the first game, and no matter how well Yoong had played in the second game, I very much doubt if he could have beaten Wong. The champion's best shot of the evening was his short drop from the baseline, and though Yoong, at times, produced shots of greater brilliance—especially during his climb to 14—all he had not the same steadiness.

To get to 14-11 Yoong was more or less presented with four points, when Wong seemed to lose temporary control over his sideline shots and hit four outside. But for the loser, it must be said, that some of his recovery shots from the baseline were copy-book style.

There was nothing in the second game. Wong went into a deserved 10-0 lead, though at 8-0 Yoong was beginning to fold up. Thereafter, Yoong served and hit in a most lackadaisical manner, evidently anxious just to get the match over.

Oliveira's Great Game

M. A. OLIVEIRA was the man of the court in the Mixed Doubles. Never had his stamina stood him in such good stead. He bounded from side to side of the court—practically playing the opposite pair on his own, for Miss Silva had little to do at the net.

Miss Khoo did more than her share of the work, in fact some of the shots she took should have been left to Hooi, but she acquitted herself well in the flashing duels, and towards the end often took her place side by side with Hooi.

For the major part of the first game, Hooi was not playing to standard. He, perhaps, was somewhat put out by Miss Khoo's initiation.

K. F. C. And K. Tong Rinks For Saturday

The following will represent Kowloon F.C. in friendly Lawn Bowls matches to-morrow:

Versus Kowloon Docks at Tai Wan: A. Leung, V. Allen, V. Chittenden, W. V. Field, W. Nae, A. L. Eastman, Y. Young, and E. K. M. MacIntyre, C. Downman, T. Ferguson and W. Simpson.

Versus Recreation at Chatham Road: C. Woodcock, B. Wong, C. Fuller and B. D. Evans, A. Williams, G. Frost, Y. Abbas and J. T. Smalley, G. Cross, D. Thomson, A. A. Dand and H. Ogden.

Kowloon Tong Rinks

The following will represent Kowloon F.C. in friendly match to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.: Y. H. Tang, H. Y. Hui, A. Madar and N. Y. Kow, N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lam, Y. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens, H. A. Castro, G. Phoon, A. E. H. Castro and H. Gittins.

Hockey

SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Alteration To Rules

The Hongkong Hockey Association will hold a six-a-side Tournament on Sunday at 2 p.m. at King's Park. The tournament has attracted 20 teams, the draw resulting:

First Round

At Recreation—Nomads v. 5th A.A. Regt. A; Engineers A v. Y.M.C.A. B. At C.B.A.—C.B.A. B v. Engineers B.

At Y.M.C.A.—Signals A v. Khalsa B; Signals B v. Khalsa A; C.B.A. C v. 5th A.A. Regt. B.

The games will not be decided by the position of the ball when the final whistle blows, but if there is no score or the scores are equal, the game shall be continued until another goal is scored or until one of the sides has forced either a long or short corner.

It looks that Johnher is the best, and I fancy the bay will duplicate the owner's success of last year.

Probable Starters

FOLLOWING is a list of probable starters and jockeys: Avon D. Black; Charlesher C. L. Gregory; Eve of Grandeur B. Proulx; Eve of Reason Ip Kuei-ying; Galaxy P. Y. T. Wei; Gay Star P. P. Botelho; Hillsboro Bay S. L. Yuen; Hughher G. Trevorton; Johnher L. B. Chao; Sam's Choice H. J. Hearne; So Nice S. W. Tang; Wonderful Scheme D. H. S. Craven; World Fair View H. C. Pih.

The running of "B" class China ponies at the Easter holidays was in two sections, but those in the lower division ran faster than the senior gee-gees and the difference of times was six three-fifths seconds. We leave at that.

In the estimation of many, Johnher should have won the first section of the Hongham Bay Handicap from the two mile post, once round and in, but the jockey (Chao) could not find an opening in the home stretch and the delay of first burst of speed gave the race to Avon (Black) by a short head.

A head behind came Sam's Choice (Hearne) who certainly put up a fine performance.

Comparison of Weights

A CLOSE study of the weights of those who ran in the above event, and what they are set to carry in the St George's Plate will no doubt prove interesting:

Hongham Bay (1st section)	Weight	St George's Plate
Avon (1st)	142lb.	142lb.
Johnher (2nd)	140	140
Sam's Choice (3rd)	140	140
Eve of Grandeur (4th)	132	132
Charlesher	132	132
Hillsboro Bay	132	132

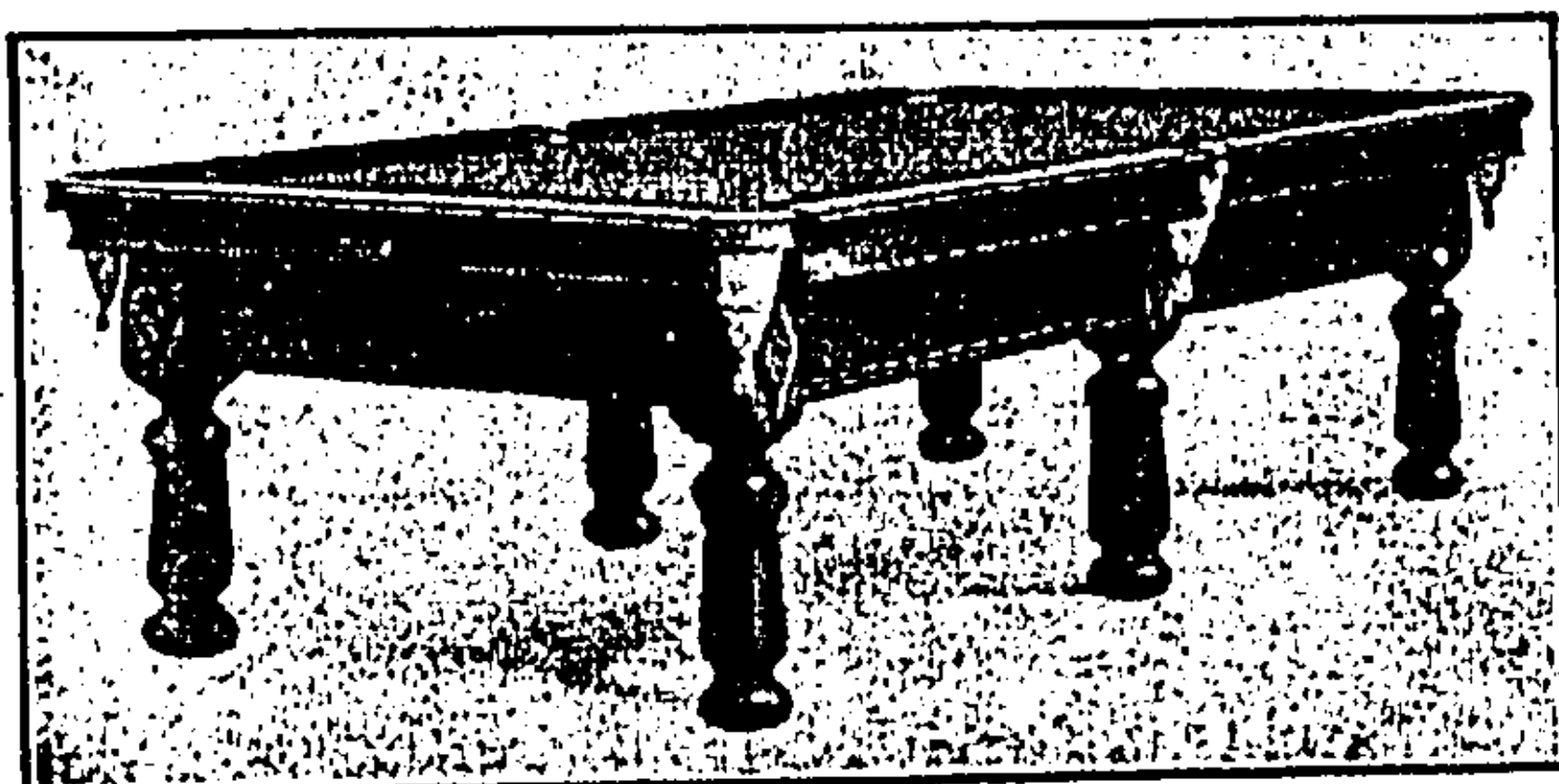
It will be seen from the above that for a beating of a short head, the winner, Avon, has been asked to concede 3 lb. to Johnher, and this is still.

I have not made a comparison of the weights of those who ran in the second section, but Galaxy (winner of the second section) should be the most dangerous contender provided, of course, there was no mistake made in timing the race.

When Galaxy annexed the St Andrew's Stakes at the fall, he was in receipt of 22 lb. from the third pony (Johnher), but the winner did not win by the length of Wong Nel-chong Road.

To-morrow Galaxy has a pull of a pound short of a stone, but Johnher is coming back to his old form. Eve of Grandeur has the best handi-

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

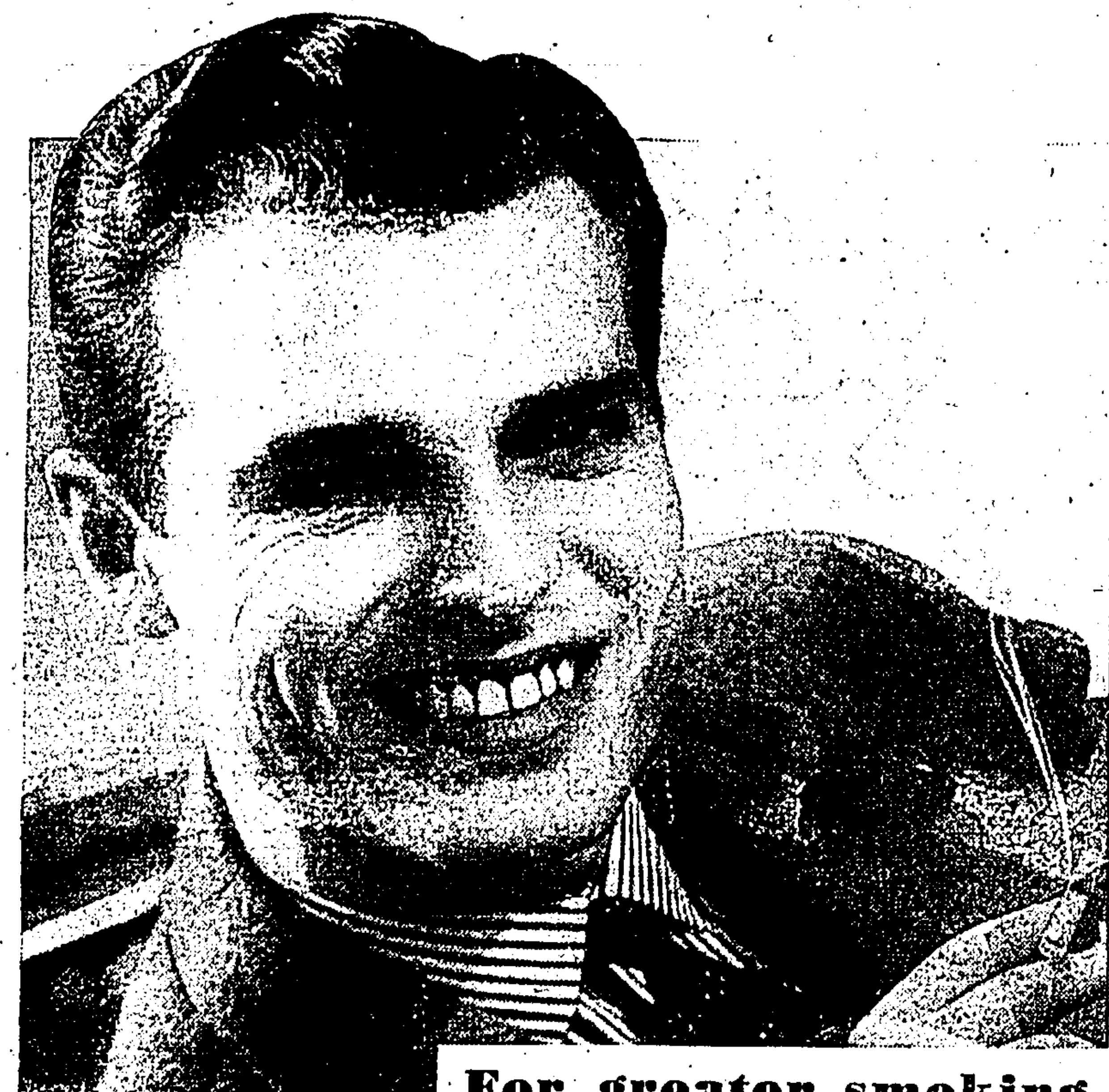
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By Ernie Bushmiller

WARNING WORDS TO ARAB PEOPLE

LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—In an outspoken article in the "Spectator" entitled "Arab Vacillations," a "Special Correspondent" asks: "Could the Arabs blame Britain if she exclaimed to-day: 'Who is not with me is against me?'"

"Where Germany rules exclusively through her own marionettes, Britain has always encouraged native talent to come to the fore.

"Since 1939, British soldiers have been defending the right of Arab countries to their independence, their right to live their own lives, to worship God in their own way, to preserve what their cultural traditions and racial individuality renders precious to them. If it were not for the sacrifice of British lives, the Arab countries would to-day find themselves in the position of starving Poland or enslaved Norway."

Egypt And Iraq

After paying tribute to King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia, the writer says: "But no amount of sophistry or goodwill can disguise the fact that for the last 20 months, Egypt and Iraq have refrained from helping Britain in the struggles waged in their interest as much as in her own. So far Britain has done everything in her power to meet the wishes of her Arab friends. But all the giving cannot be on one side. The British are justified in reminding their Middle Eastern friends that they could not be human if, after the war, they did not remember who was with them and who was not and act accordingly."

Outcome Not In Doubt

"The ultimate outcome of the war fought by the greatest empire with the full backing of the richest and mightiest industrial country of the world can be in no doubt. It is Britain whose support of Arab aspirations, both political and economic, will be of consequence. The future of the Arab world depends primarily on British goodwill. If the Arabs forget this, if they stoop to embroil themselves with the godless intrigues of the Axis, they will assuredly betray the trust interest of their own civilisation."

IRAQI PLEDGE TO BRITAIN

BAGHDAD, Apr. 23 (Reuter) (Delayed).—The passage of British troops through Iraq continues to be the main topic of discussion in the Arabic press.

The newspaper, "Al Aswal," states: "Honouring a pledged word does not in any circumstances conflict with the sovereign right of independent Iraq. Fulfilment of her undertakings to a friendly state, passing through the most dangerous stage of her history, is striking evidence of Iraq's first resolve to maintain her dignity and political honour. Thus she will promote greater confidence in herself among the Powers with whom she has political treaties."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says:

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Wharves \$85.50
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Roosevelt Meets War Cabinet

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Apr. 24 (UP).—President Roosevelt conferred with the so-called War Cabinet for an hour and a half to-day and reports were circulated in some Congressional quarters that 40 per cent of United States aid to Britain is now being sent in the North Atlantic by German U-boats, raiders and aircraft.

The War Cabinet presumably discussed the problem. It is understood the Administration is studying a plan to extend United States naval and aerial neutrality patrols to the mid-Atlantic, namely, 300 miles beyond the new naval outpost leased from Britain.

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Man Invents Murder Tale Dairy Farm Accident

For giving false information to the Police, Wong To, 25, barber, residing in an unnumbered hut in Pokfulam, was fined \$100 or in default six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant was charged with giving false information to the Police on April 23, with intent to defeat the ends of justice, by stating that one Siu Yuk-ching had been murdered by Mo Po at Pokfulam the previous day.

Det.-Inspector F. W. Fowle said that on April 22 a Chinese foreman of the Dairy Farm was found dead in the bottom of an empty silo pit. No one apparently saw how deceased met his death, and rumours were spread in Pokfulam that he must have been pushed in.

Long Sighted

Defendant came to the Police Station in the afternoon of the following day and said that he saw Mo Po strike deceased on the head with a hoe, and then push him into the pit. On the way to the scene of the alleged crime, Defendant told the Police how at 200 yards away he could clearly discern the clothing deceased was wearing, and could even describe the colour of his shoes. This aroused the suspicion of the Police who took Defendant back for further questioning. Defendant eventually admitted that the whole story was a lie told in order to get a few dollars. He had in fact been given \$3 for the information. Defendant pleaded guilty, and said he made the story up because he had no money.



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Magyars To Persecute Jews

Official Statement
 LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Hungary is falling into line with Germany on the Jewish question.

This was indicated by Dr Laslo de Bardossy, the Hungarian Prime Minister, when he announced the Government programme to Parliament to-day, according to an official German news agency despatch from Budapest.

After declaring that the government would follow the policy of his predecessor, Count Teleki, and that "steadfast friendship towards our great friends (Germany and Italy) would be the keynote of their foreign policy," Dr de Bardossy said that the government would strive to expedite the solution of the Jewish problem which could be shelved no longer.

Jews must be prevented forthwith from mixing with the Christian population and holding key positions in the economic life of the nation.

Horthy Meets Hitler
 LONDON, Apr. 24 (Reuter).—Hitler to-day at his headquarters received the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, who later returned to Budapest, says the official German news agency.

Dairy Farm Robbery
 Mr J. Wolfe, manager of the Dairy Farm Soda Fountain, No. 78 Nathan Road, reports that between 2 and 4 a.m. on Wednesday some one broke into the Company's Depot at No. 76 Nathan Road and stole \$322.54.

Mr Hobbin of the Mercantile Bank has reported that between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. on April 23, some one stole a raincoat, valued \$84, from his car which was parked in Ice House Street.

LINERS MAY OFFEND BY SELLING MEALS IN PORT

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and foolish by-laws" he had ever seen Mr Loseby said that whether a vessel was a Canadian Pacific liner or a junk it could not have a licence because it was not a building.

He also said that if Section 5, sub-Section 3, of the Ordinance could be interpreted as a right to restrict the sale of food on the water, then he had no right to be in court, but he did not interpret that section as giving the Urban Council that right.

Mr Sheldon disagreed and said he would give his reasons for his decision in writing. Those reasons were contained in the statement sent by him to-day to Mr Loseby which read as follows:

Magistrate's Ruling

The Defendant is the owner of Junk No. 1035. He used the vessel as a floating restaurant in the waters of Aberdeen Harbour. On March 8 unknown to him among his customers were two Health Officers in plain clothes who were served with a meal of soup, rice and fish at a cost of \$2.30; as a result he is now summoned under No. 1 of the By-laws controlling Restaurants, Eating Houses and Food Stalls contained in the Schedule to the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, No. 13 of 1935.

The By-law is as follows:—
 "Except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Council for a Restaurant or Eating House, or for a Hawkers' Food Stall issued under Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, no person shall sell or expose for sale any article of cooked food for man usually sold or exposed for sale ready for immediate consumption. Such licence shall be in addition to any licence issued under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931."

Alternative Defences
 Mr Loseby has raised alternative defences and asks for a written decision. Firstly, he says that the By-law is ultra vires because sec.5(3) of

the Ordinance allows only "control" of licensing and not "prohibition" of selling without a licence. Surely "to control by licensing or otherwise" involves the power to prohibit selling without a licence.

Secondly, he says, the by-law is so uncertain or so unreasonable as to be bad in law; passenger ships have no licence to sell food for man and yet they supply meals to passengers and guests, therefore why should the defendant be prevented from supplying food to his customers? His argument is of course, that passenger ships do not have licences because the by-law was never intended to apply to ships at all, and its effect is confined to buildings on land.

Fallacious Argument

It seems to me this argument is fallacious. It is true that passenger ships do not in fact have licences obtained from the Urban Council to enable them to provide meals to passengers and others and probably their owners would be somewhat astonished if such necessity was suggested, but I am not at all certain that the supply of meals in passenger ships in harbour is not a technical infringement of the by-law; though if it is so it is not, I think, surprising that no action has been taken in respect of it by the Health Authorities, or that these authorities direct their attention more towards the cooking arrangements of the defendant junk than to the kitchen of, say, the s.s. "President Coolidge." I know of no authority for the proposition that if "A" is charged with an offence it is a good defence that "B" has also committed the same offence and has not been charged with it.

Meaning of By-Law

Whatever arguments may be advanced there is really only one matter to be decided and that is what does the by-law mean? In my opinion it means simply this, that no one is allowed to sell cooked food unless he or she has a licence to do so, and I disagree with Mr Loseby that because the relevant by-laws are headed "restaurants, eating houses and food stalls" ships in the waters of the Colony are therefore by implication excluded from the effects of the by-laws.

The Defendant admits he has no licence and it has been proved he sold cooked food. Therefore it seems to me he has offended against the By-law and he is convicted.

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